

I am a resident of Silicon Valley and am pleased to hear the FCC is considering making the air waves available for non-commercial interests. Its hard not to notice the program homogenization that has resulted as high power FM stations have been increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few big corporations nation-wide. Licensing community-based low-power stations (between 10-100 watts) would of course, increase diversity on the air waves.

I would like to offer my comments concerning this with the hope they will be considered.

Concerning this licensing, low power 100 stations should not be relegated to "secondary" status but should be licensed as Primary Service. Why should money be the yardstick in defining which stations receive preferential treatment? Similarly ownership of multiple low power stations nation-wide should not be permitted.

I believe that with proper regulation low power FM could re-vitalize the air waves and our democracy.

Thanks for listening.

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