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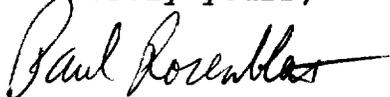
re: MM Docket No. 99-25

I am writing as a citizen, a consumer of radio communications, to urge that the FCC establish rules that encourage and support great diversity in micro-radio FM broadcasting. I think the radio band has moved toward a homogenization that means that even in a big metropolitan area with many radio stations we have little choice of music, news, commentary, or programs representing diversity across the spectrum of possibilities. I believe democracy and the public tastes will be best served by maximizing the diversity of micro-radio FM stations. To achieve these ends, I think it is crucial that

- a. Nobody be allowed to own/operate more than one micro-radio station.
- b. Micro-radio licenses be low cost, \$200 or less, so that people without substantial income/wealth can take leadership in programming.
- c. Micro-radio rules allow and encourage stations operating at 100 watts or less. This includes providing a large part of the FM spectrum for micro-radio and requiring radio manufacturers to include that part of the spectrum in the radios they make.
- d. Micro-radio stations of 100 watts or less should be noncommercial.
- e. Higher wattage and commercial stations not have the right to bump lower wattage and noncommercial stations off the air.
- f. Microradio stations must be operated by the licensee.

The FCC has the opportunity to build greater democracy in broadcasting through FM micro-radio. I urge you to do it.

Sincerely yours,

  
Paul Rosenblatt

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