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In the matter of the FCC presenting the possibility of broadening the base for low powered FM to be used.

CS Docket number
MM 99-25

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I, Tara Taylor the student representative for over 34,000 students on the University of Arizona campus, file these comments on March 24, 1999 regarding FCC's MM 99-25. The proposal to create rules regarding the implementation of Low Powered FM (LPFM) would be an asset to the entire Tucson Community; the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Arizona; and our own KAMP student radio that is one of the largest student run organizations on campus with over 200 volunteers.

As you know, there are clearly substantial benefits to the implementation of LPFM, as it begins by providing new opportunities for community oriented radio, allowing a broader base of citizens to participate in the radio industry. In Tucson, and the state of Arizona as a whole, there are clear distinctions in the socio-economic classes of our communities. LPFM allows the opportunity for FCC to provide a low cost means of serving urban communities and neighborhoods, and provides them with a diverse blend in radio programming.

I wholeheartedly support a letter submitted to your commission by the Low Powered Radio Coalition which stated:
"Many schools and universities either do not have stations or are limited to operating cable, carrier current or day-time only stations due to the lack of available FM spectrum and the costs associated with maintaining a full power signal."
Please understand how crucial your proposal is to the success of our own student radio station on the University of Arizona campus. KAMP student radio has grown significantly in the number of volunteers the organization boasts, the quality of service they provide, and in its effectiveness on campus. KAMP went so far as to pass a referendum giving students the option to contribute one dollar each semester to the betterment of our student radio station. The referendum passed with an overwhelming response, yet there is still one thing holding KAMP student radio back, their inability to acquire a full power signal. Please help the students of the University of Arizona, and the citizens of our great state of Arizona by approving your proposal to create rules in regards to Low Powered FM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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