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Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you regarding the current proposal for a new class of radio station: low-power FM community radio. (LPFM) As a musician and a concerned citizen, I see this proposal as a vitally important way to restore diversity, variety, and local ownership to the radio market.

Following the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, most of Denver's small, independently-owned radio stations were bought out by large national broadcasting corporations. There are only a few independent stations left. The corporate stations have a very rigid play list format, and play the same top songs over and over and over. Local musicians have next to no chance of getting any air play in their own hometown.

There now exists a near monopoly situation in many radio markets, and this new LPFM service may be a way to bring back community-specific, locally-owned stations, and to restore real choice to listeners seeking programming developed for and by their fellow citizens, rather than an executive in a boardroom in New York or Los Angeles.

I urge you to do what you can to approve this LPFM service. Please know that many people in Denver are eager to once again have a real voice in their communities.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Greg DeLaurentiis
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