

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed introduction of new low-power FM radio stations. As a citizen, I have been alarmed for some time with the growing trend of stations which are in theory publicly owned becoming, in practice, the property of a very few large corporations. I think this is inimical to the nature of true democracy, which requires a marketplace of ideas and free speech for all, not just those who can afford it. I think it likely that if the radio stations are controlled by a few interests, they will have an economic, cultural, and social slant which is controlled, either unconsciously or deliberately, by those interests. Therefore, I am extremely pleased to see an attempt to get some radio into the hands of those who have been, in essence, disenfranchised by the system as it currently stands.