

Thank you for addressing the issue of low power FM broadcasting. I am very interested in this and would encourage you to adopt rules to allow grass roots low power broadcasting in the US.

If this proposal is adopted I intend to work full time working with churches and similar ministries to set up stations. I expect many churches would be interested in including programming which could be geared toward minority language groups. While existing Christian radio stations provide many good programs, most do not broadcast in minority languages to ethnic groups. I believe low power FM, as proposed, could be very useful in this regard.

I encourage the adoption of licensing of 1-10 watt stations as an option along with 100-1000 watt stations. I would also suggest there be no restrictions on antenna design except height. This reflects the reality that the best broadcasting location is most likely not in the center of the target group. Using directional antennas would permit greater service in a preferred direction while reducing possible interference in the less desirable direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted

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