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The Honorable John Dingell
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Re: Opposition to Federal Communication Commission
Low Power FM Radio Service (micro radio) proposal
MM Docket No. 99-25

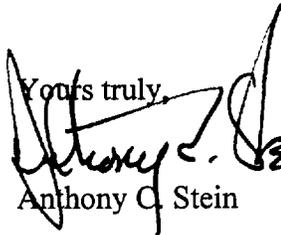
Dear Congressman Dingell:

We have just been successful, after a lengthy fight, in restoring reception of the only classical radio station available to our region: interference had been caused by a newly established translator, operated by another station, on an adjacent frequency. We had to mobilize every resource at our command – civic action, political contact, public appeals and ultimately legal action – to get the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to enforce their own rules.

During the struggle many facts came to light including chairman of the FCC The Honorable William E. Kennard's proposal for creation of a Low Power Radio Service (LPRS or micro radio). Passing this legislation would once again put 50 years of listening to our classical radio station in jeopardy. Most major markets would not be affected by micro radio because of existing frequency congestion; only small markets, of which we are one, would be thrown into chaos with we, the old time listeners, hurt again.

Having dealt with the FCC over the past 6 months I found Mr. Kennard's leadership wanting and his LPRS micro radio idea ill conceived and questionably motivated. Please count me opposed to this Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to give away already established radio assignments and procedures. I ask that you use your influence to defeat any LPRS micro radio legislation from the FCC. Sadly, after getting a feel for the way the FCC is being run Mr. Kennard, himself, should be replaced.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours truly,

Anthony C. Stein

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