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The Honorable William Kennard
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that the FCC has begun on low power FM deeply concerns me. Microradio should not be adopted. I have been in commercial radio broadcasting since 1966 and this proposal really concerns me.

Maintainance of an "interference free" broadcast environment is one of the tasks charged to the FCC, as you are aware. Microradio makes one think the FCC has thrown in the towel when it comes to protecting existing stations against interference.

With the addition of, or transition to, digital broadcasting, would the adding of the low power FM's not seriously impare the transmission of the exisiting stations?

I also do not understand how the microradio's proposed ownership limits, or the Commission's plan to license select or favored groups can be justified in light of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Please consider placing any low power FM stations on hold until and unless the technical issues are settled and the rules for digital audio broadcasting are adopted. Local broadcasters have traditionally done a very good job of keeping their listeners informed with important news and weather as well as emergency bulletins not to mention the many hours of public affairs programming. The microradio seems to be driven more by personal interest in being a broadcaster than good public policy. I beg that the FCC not put at risk our exisings services ability to serve the public by allowing a new low power service

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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