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Concerns:

I was just reading through the winter copy of Hobby Broadcasting on Kinnards' speech to the NAB. He said "I am glad to stand before you as Chairman of the FCC when radio is as successful and profitable as ever". The idea that he associates profit in this sense makes me ill. I don't think Marconi or Samuel Morris had profit as their motivation when they started in the communication industry, but their ideas were revolutionary.

Here too, my interest in LPFM isn't about putting money into my pocket, it's about offering entertainment, choice, and exercising my rights under The Constitution.

I think Mr. Kinnard is so influenced by the deep pockets of NAB and the government he serves, that he has forgotten about the people of this country and their interests. It is so easy to forget that the radio stations we tune into in our cities and communities are controlled by the wealthy or those with some sort of control (ie my state and tuition funded, local college radio station). We are given a choice to listen or not, but from my perspective, we are not given a choice to participate, express our opinions, or offer what people enjoy.... that remains in the hands of the few that can afford to buy listeners and influence people like Mr. Kinnard.