

# Community Powered Radio

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## ACTION ALERT

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**Radio for All!!! Speak Up Now!!!**

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS JUNE 1, 1999**

**(The FCC will accept comments after this date, but it is important to send as many comments as possible by this initial deadline)**

Dear Supporter of Democratic Media:

By banning low power FM radio (LPFM) for the past 21 years, the FCC has disregarded their statutory obligation "to generally encourage the larger and more effective use of radio in the public interest." Due to public pressure and the efforts of microbroadcasters nationwide, the FCC has been forced to reconsider opening the FM dial to low power broadcasters.

If, however, the FCC allows commercial LPFM and the auction of licenses, under-served and under-represented community groups and their neighborhoods will lose miserably to other interests with deeper pockets. Democracy needs more non-commercial spaces, not more concession stands for the powerful.

**Public outcry for non-commercial low power radio** may be the only way to claim this potential victory. The FCC is taking comments on their proposal for new LPFM regulations until June 1st. This is a rare opportunity to pro-actively influence the status of our publicly-owned airwaves.

### What You Can Do:

- Write or email the FCC demanding legalization of non-commercial, community-based LPFM (The address is on the back of this page; be sure to reference your comments to: NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & # 95-25).
- Sign and send in the letter on the back of this page
- Join the growing list of community groups and civic organizations who are endorsing our "formal" presentation to the FCC in June. Contact CPR and add your voice to those of the National Lawyers' Guild, FAIR, the California Green Party, and many others.
- Spread the word! We need your input and energy to educate others about the necessity for truly democratic media.
- Please contact CPR for more information. Phone: 206-329-6116  
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