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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary



To the FCC;  
I am writing in support of the legalization of microbroadcasting radio stations. I am intrested in starting a micro-radiostation, and would like to be able to do it legally. Hopefully you will get enough feedback on the issue to strongly consider it.  
~peace  
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As an "afterthought" you could put the whole new "system" into the short wave band and that would protect the normal Broadcasters.

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

An initial survey of townspeople in Wrightwood, California, has led me to conclude that the people of this hamlet in the mountains above Los Angeles would be very interested in a micro- or low power noncommercial community radio station such as those the licensing of which is now being considered by the Federal Communications Commission.

Wrightwood is in a fringe area; the mountains enclosing Wrightwood's Swarthout Valley block most television and a significant number of nearby and regional FM and even AM stations. These same mountains would protect a Wrightwood community station from same-channel or adjacent-channel interference to or from most of these same nearby stations whose signals do not directly reach nor circle into the Swarthout Valley.

Wrightwood's elevation, mile-high, is similar in broadcast receptability to towns in the Rocky Mountains or High Sierras. A ten-watt FM transmitter with an antenna only a few feet high would provide the four-mile Swarthout Valley a Community Calendar, presentations of local events, and what has been mentioned often by senior citizens, emergency road information after snows, and updates on forest fires. In the past several years, two such fires reached valleys next to Wrightwood. Wrightwood is situated along the San Andreas Fault: earthquake information could also be provided. Wrightwood is sometimes without power after a storm. A local radio station with its own little generator could provide storm information to that majority of townspeople who have portable radios for that purpose.

The population of Wrightwood, less than 4000, cannot support a commercial station; yet Wrightwood's emergency needs are sufficiently continuous to justify a full-time license. While it would be unrealistic to expect Wrightwood to achieve with volunteers, full time programming, Wrightwood, with such a station as the type contemplated by the FCC, would have its public safety and way of life greatly enhanced. One primary purpose in broadcast licensing would seem be to accommodate such small towns.

What began my personal interest is that in Wrightwood I maintain a mountain retreat for a choir school, where this summer we dedicate a recording studio of sound-processing equipment donated by benefactors in the industry. Upon discovering the FCC might license micropower stations, I realized our studio would be one apt location for the creation of local programs. Upon consulting neighbors, including officers in the Property Owners and Chamber of Commerce, I have seen only immediate interest in a station all who are part of Wrightwood would together apply for, install and operate.

*Theodore C. Ley*

- Rev. Theodore C. Ley, SM, D.Mus.Ed.

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW.  
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioners:

We urge you to reject all current and future low-power FM radio (LPFM) proposals. The Cedar Rapids (IA) Area Radio Marketing Group has the following concerns regarding LPFM licensing:

**EQUIPMENT:** When a radio stations signal carries less than a mile, will the station have any reason to buy and maintain decent equipment? We suspect LPFM equipment will be a mish-mash of used, patched-together amateur and commercial gear (much of which has outlived its usefulness.)

**ENGINEERING:** We are certain low-powered stations will have minimal engineering standards, and little continuing engineering oversight. Stations operating out of home basements, college dorm rooms and broom closets arent likely keep proper standards. Your agency simply does not have sufficient technical personnel to police this situation. Yet, the FCC will need to protect current stations, cable systems and aircraft from LPFM interference and to protect the LPFM stations from each other.

**INTERFERENCE:** With uncertain equipment and minimal engineering it is likely that signals from LPFM stations will interfere with signals from already-licensed stations. Such interference can only be hurtful to current owners, employees and advertisers.

Increased interference can only result in decreased listenership.

**REVENUE:** LPFM stations will generate micro revenue from their micro coverage areas. Yet, they will siphon away some advertising revenue from current stations. Even small reductions in revenue will mean death for some radio stations. Less revenue means fewer employees, cheaper programming, less local news coverage, and less community involvement.

**PURPOSE:** If LPFM stations operate non-commercially, then they will be driven by special interests or egos. The former case provides no redeeming community value. Special interests have had, and continue to have, sufficient radio air-time through talk shows and advertising. In the latter case LPFM stations become a super boom-box or neighborhood stereo. This serves no community need which is not already fulfilled with readily available, inexpensive home or car equipment. (In fact, some cars cruising the streets here already put out more wattage than an LPFM station.)

We see no community needs served by proposed LPFM stations. In fact, we foresee only interference and reduced revenue. LPFM would hurt all elements of the radio broadcasting industry. We urge you to kill all current and future proposals for low-powered FM radio stations.

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Sincerely,  
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