

Dear FCC,

I am writing you today to let you know that I support, in general, your proposed rules regarding low-power radio. Let me begin by saying that I had the experience of having an unlicensed low-power fm station in my neighborhood a few years ago. It was on an otherwise empty part of the dial, and, to my knowledge, never conflicted with any other broadcast. The thing that stands out in my mind from that time is the wonderful effect that small station had on my neighborhood. Many neighbors got involved during its short life-span and it truly brought us together, as neighbors.

All too often, when communities only have large commercial voices, it is difficult to have a rich cultural life. The more the airwaves are made available to people and community groups of regular means, the better our nation will become. Not only will this allow for culture to flourish, it will also strengthen our democracy.

I urge you to allow low-power radio. I think it would be wise to limit ownership to one station per entity and make them non-commercial. I also suggest that a "very low power" category would have value. Perhaps 2 - 10 watts. This would allow for neighborhood radio stations in urban areas that already have a cluttered dial.

Thank you for considering my comments and thank you for conducting a process that allows for, and values, public comment.

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