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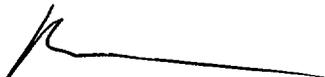
Comment to FCC MM Docket 99-25

The FCC needs to get out of the business of protecting commercial radio and TV stations from competition from low power stations. While there may be some legitimate government interest in preventing interference between stations, the government should not be protecting private monopolies and the expense of creative uses of the public airwaves. Perhaps the government should tax the ad revenue generated by commercial stations instead of letting commercial radio stations make money by using the public airwaves for free. After all, if newspapers have to pay for newsprint, why shouldn't TV and radio stations pay for the use of public airwaves to make money?

I am sick of the crap on commercial radio. Even NPR is sounding like the voice of Washington lobbyists and spinners for Pentagon propaganda. We need more voices in the public domain - not just the voices of people who want to sell us something. The Internet has shown the kind of creativity that can be unleashed by a democratic medium.

If the FCC wants the public to perceive of it as anything more than armed thugs for the media establishment they will stop breaking into peoples houses to confiscate radio equipment. We don't need more reasons to fear the government. It's time for one government agency to get on the side of the people and not just be there to support the interests of big corporations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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