

I cannot say that I fully understand all the legal issues involving this topic, but I do know that small stations in my area have never been able to transmit because of FCC regulations and stations with greater wattage pushing them off the air. I am not saying that there shouldn't be any regulation regarding the airwaves, but attention must be given to pirate radio so that it is no longer considered "pirate"--the NPRM is a step in the right direction. However, great care must be taken to ensure that this new freedom does not go to waste. The stations should only be up to 100watts to maximize the amount of stations, which should also be non-commercial. Also, 2nd and 3rd adjacent protection should not be enforced on the LPFM stations so that we can maximize the bandwidth of FM. On a more civil note, the same practices regarding the sale/transfer of licenses, application for the same frequency, and content of programming should not be endorsed by or forced upon the LPFM stations. Radio plays a big part in my life and lives of my community and it should be more accessible not only to us, but to the entire nation.