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**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

**In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service**

FCC RM-9242

Comments of Gene Kirby

A few years ago Docket 80-90 created a new FM Broadcast station for the City of Marysville, Ohio. However, when the new station went on the air, it was hardly a Marysville station. The owners located the transmitter as close as the law allowed to Columbus, Ohio..located their studio in Columbus and a token back room office in Marysville with a desk, a chair and very little else. The station is run as a Columbus station with Columbus weather, news etc. There is NEVER a mention of the City of License (Marysville, OH). In my opinion Marysville never got their own FM Broadcast station as the Docket 80-90 had intended. Therefore I support the creation of a new low power FM license to allow the residents of Marysville their OWN FM station, with local weather, news and more.

Respectfully submitted:


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TO: FCC

RE: Petition RM-9242

I am writing in regards to Petition RM-9242, which provides for licensing of low power FM stations by the FCC.

I urge you to approve this licensing procedure, so that community access radio can be a more viable option across the nation.

In Lawrence, Kansas, our community radio station, KAW-FM, has quickly become an integral part of the community information-sharing network, after only one year in existence. I have contributed to this worthy effort for the past six months, hosting a show and managing the Public Service Announcements. These announcements include notices from the Health Department, the Community Theatre, Meals on Wheels, local fundraisers, social services, and a variety of other community events.

Because the station is an all-volunteer effort, it is an impressive accomplishment that it has become such a vital link in the information network of our community. It is also a tremendous display of the variety of creative expression that is possible when people have the freedom to share their interests and ideas.

I urge you to make it possible for low watt stations to exist with FCC approval, to ensure that the concept of "free expression" can become more of a reality on the airwaves.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marybeth Bethel".

Marybeth Bethel

Enclosed: original and 9 copies for distributing among committee members