

The Urban Coalition is a non-profit research and advocacy organization working on issues affecting low income people and communities of color in Minnesota. The Urban Coalition is committed to increasing opportunities for these communities to participate in the policy making process and to affect the terms of public discussion on issues of concern.

The Urban Coalition believes that it is crucial for such communities to have access to all possible means of communicating their views and organizing themselves to participate in public debate on policy issues. Low power FM radio licenses would greatly increase the ability of these communities to produce and share information relevant to important community issues.

The Twin Cities metropolitan area has recently grown increasingly diverse. Large numbers of Hmong, Somali and Latino immigrants have made the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area their homes. With one exception, there are no local radio stations offering programming for these communities. The ability to produce and broadcast programming by and for these and other distinct communities would be very important.

The Urban Coalition believes that granting low power FM radio licenses would be extremely valuable to increasing the ability of diverse communities to participate in the life of their communities.

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