

Radio as it exists today is failing at providing the "public interest" standard through programming on the air waves. Deregulation and consolidation has all but eliminated community programming through the airwaves. The airwaves belong to the people of America not six to ten corporations whose concern is to increase profit. I'm not against business making profit in radio. I would love opportunity myself. However, the free market approach in broadcast ownership has literally destroyed any chance of a rags to riches American dream. Realistically, profit proliferation means limited concern for individuals and their communities served by radio stations. Radio programming now is multiples of the same programming in the name of "low overhead" and with the advance in technologies the scenarios will get more automated. . The "Free Market" approach has nearly wiped out individual community based programming styles. It is in the best interest of the people of America that low power stations are allowed to exist. Through

low power stations more choices are available and specific programming would serve the people better. How can a corporate businessman stationed in New Jersey have a concern for my community in Chicago? Additionally, The proliferation of "Corporate ownership" has nearly killed minority ownership in radio. Ms. Hughes is an exception however her corporation is battling giants with more assets just to stay alive and none of her stations are in Chicago. African American's own one 100 Watt FM station.

88.1 WSSD. How can the interest of the African American communities be served without ownership? Make Low Power radio a reality. The country is based on a democracy that views freedom of choice as an essential element. Deregulation and consolidation in radio has stagnated freedom of choice and competition. While the businessman make profit consumers are the losers. The low power stations will serve the public interest and bring more to consumers. Choice is what this country is all about.