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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

I find myself compelled to comment on your current item MM Docket 99-25. This is an issue that will prove to be an important decision for generations to come.

Briefly, the "air" is not free. It has become a source of immense profit. Today, you are unlikely to face docket items calling for an advertisement and profit-making-free radio airwaves. Indeed, you are never likely to be asked to vote on such a proposition.

But to deny community and small producers access to the very airways that we all own, in favor of further monopolization by the increasingly small number of big "players" in media.

We approach ever closer the day of Big Brother, but it will not likely be government (the lawyers and managers of tomorrow) but corporations (the owners) who will control the single message we will all hear.

I ask you to consider the world of our children and grandchildren instead of the immediate opportunities for corporate profits and lobbyists' enticements.

Licensing for micro-power stations is crucial for our ability to continue as a democracy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours,

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