

I support the creation of the three classes of LPFM service outlined in MM Docket No. 99-25 (LP1000, LP100, & 1-10 Watt Secondary "Microradio" Service).

The consolidation of station ownership nationwide has had a homogenizing effect on station formats. Broadcasters now limit their broadcasts to the "lowest common denominator" in order to ensure advertising income. The losers in this situation are ethnic minorities, certain economic/age demographics and most importantly, local communities.

I believe that smaller communities will benefit the most from LPFM stations. For instance, my community, Key West, FL is serviced by a public radio station in Miami. Although it is a quality station, the demographics in Miami are vastly different from Key West. Items of interest to Key West citizens are rarely covered. Not to mention the signal strength here in Key West is only of peripheral interest to the Miami station. The citizens of Key West cannot afford to start their own station under the current regulations. A LPFM station would be within the means of the community.

I support rules limiting ownership to local residents, limiting interference to existing stations and minimal equipment/licensing requirements.

I believe that the new LPFM stations will not slow the movement to digital radio. Some LPFM stati