

I am thankful and excited about the commissions consideration of opening up the fm radio band to the common people. It does not surprise me that the National Association of Broadcasters is against this, because they have control of the market. Opening up to the public might take away some of their profit. I believe in and support the large stations, but I believe we should have community stations too. It's like having a community bulletin board where there can be a great exchange of ideas and information. I am involved in a number of non profit agencies and the cost of getting airtime to promote programs is incredible. Some stations will give you some time for free, but it is very little time and broadcasted very few times so it does not reach many people. I think it would be great to have a radio station for the people by the people and would meet the local communities needs.

Thank you for your time in listening to my comments. Thank you for considering this move, I know it is a bold one.

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