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Date: Mon, Jul 12, 1999 11:26 AM
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>>> Christopher Cliatt <ccliatt@prime-eng.com> 07/09 1:24 PM >>>
I wholeheartedly support microradio!

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I support the legalization of microradio.

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>>> "Wayne French" <shopliftr@earthlink.net> 07/10 12:46 AM >>>
Dear Commissioner Kennard:

Please favorably review the attached proposal supporting microradio programmers. Commercial radio nationwide has gotten rather stale and predictable as of late. Licensing radio stations is now prohibitively expensive, and completely out of reach for the average American. All we seem to get from the corporate broadcasters is lies and propaganda. In a free country this is unacceptable.

Please support this proposal and return the nation's airwaves to the people.

Sincerely,

Wayne French

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>>> "Wimberley, Kris N." <knwimber@utmb.edu> 07/09 5:12 PM >>>
I am in complete agreement with the ideas put forth in the mec letter on mm docket no. 99-25. If micro-radio is technologically feasible and relatively safe, I can't understand how or why it has been denied the American people for so long. Please restore some democracy to our country!

Kris Nathan Wimberley
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To whom it may concern: Please support community radio. Corporations have been granted ownership of the airways. The people deserve access as well. Please respond with your position. Rebecca Chalker

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To whom it may concern:

With increased concentration of media outlets into fewer and fewer hands it is imperative that those without access to immense capital have the ability to get their message out. Micro radio allows just that kind of opportunity. Please support the licensing of NON CORPORATE Micro radio outlets.
Sincerely

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Additional Comments=Micropower stations will finally allow radio to be the medium it was originally meant to be in the late teens and early twenties: lots of voices going to lots of different people. The current state of radio is tremendously boring; microradio can only liven things up. Please make sure that this tremendous opportunity to serve the public does not slip into the hands of private intere

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