

I am firmly in favor of the proposed rulemaking. The availability of such low-power licensing would open up outstanding opportunities for anyone who wants another method to "get the word out," as it were, on matters they may feel are important to them or their community.

My only objection is the lack of amnesty towards "pirate" radio stations. It is my belief that such amnesty should be granted, and any "pirate" station be offered the opportunity to apply for a low-power license. They should only be prosecuted if they knowingly and willfully cause interference to other services, or if they continue broadcasting after refusing the offer of amnesty.

Thank you for your time.