

EXHIBIT A

SIGNATORIES IN SUPPORT OF COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC COMMUNICATIONS

MM DOCKET NO. 99-25

To the free world.

I wish to confer my support for CDC's proposal for MM 99-25. It is a well thought out and concise proposal to the low power radio problem in the United States. I am proud to say the my Congressperson, Lois Capps has endorsed the idea of low power radio and it is my hope that other intelligent national leaders will join her. Many thanks to the dedicated people at the CDC for their great efforts.

William Smolenske Free Radio Santa Barbara
Wilske@compuserve.co

Dear Phil,

I support what you and everybody at the CDC has done and would like to sign on to your comments to the FCC regarding low power FM. I realize that you may still make some last minute corrections but I basically trust you all to do the right thing. Feel free to add my name to the list of supporters.

Paul Griffin (for the Association of Micro-Power Broadcasters)
ampb@california.com

Phil, et al.

Please add my name/location to the signatories for the 'CDC PROPOSAL ON MM 99-25' . Thanks and great work!!!

Joseph B. Williams
Oakland, CA
search@outofprint.com

I am presently involved with radiofreebrattleboro, a micro radio station using only volunteers whose programming is entirely local...Brattleboro, Vermont.. I strongly support this whole movement and recommend immediate implementation.

Henry Tewksbury
tewksbur@sover.net

As Executive Director, Community Minority Cultural Center, Inc. located in Lynn, Massachusetts I support that there be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total.

Indeed, I have expressed my direct concerns to the FCC in letters and e-mail submitted in early March.

Sincerely,
Calvin Young
cmcc@shore.net

Please include me as a signer to your position in re FCC MM 99-25. It is MY position that OUR country needs more ways for john / jane Q public to express themselves, NOT a lesser number of ways. There is too much concentration of power / control in our communications vehicles ON OUR AIRWAVES NOW.

Thank you.
Jim Rayfield
Carbondale, Illinois.
rayfield@intrnet.net

Hello, I would like to send sincere thanks to you all for creating this! It is a work of art. I have a question before signing on, does this mean I cannot send my own comment if I sign this ? sorry if it is a dumb question.

Thank you and please sign me on! :) Diane Imelda Fleming aka Condom Lady,
Philadelphia, PA
media1@popmail.voicenet.com

Phil -

Add these names to the list in support of the CDC comments to the FCC re: microradio.

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Karen Hougham, Seattle, WA

Thanks, John Tirpak

Please include me in your filing. I'm 100% for micro radio and would like to set up a station. I'm Way out in the Pacific Ocean on Guam, a United States Territory, where we say, "This is where America's Day Begins".

Thanks

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FCC Chairman: Mr. William Kennard
FCC Commissioner: Ms. Gloria Tristani
FCC Commissioner: Mr. Michael Powell
FCC Commissioner: Ms. Susan Ness
FCC Commissioner: Mr. Harold Furchtgott-Roth

To the Chair and the Commissioners:

I am writing to express my whole hearted support for the National Lawyers Guild response to the FCC's call for comments on NPRM 99-25. It is comprehensive and clearly addresses the needs and concerns of the listening public and those who wish to engage in participatory communications within their communities. I say this not only as a person who has resided in the Greater Los Angeles Area since 1989 but as an individual who has participated in "Public Radio" from 1991 to 1996. During this time I volunteered over 500 hours a year in various capacities for KPFK, the oldest "Public" radio station in LA. Shortly after beginning my tenure it became readily apparent that "Public Radio" was undergoing massive and dramatic change very little of it for the good. What's more I could see that this phenomenon is not unique to Pacifica Radio, of which KPFK is a part, but pervasive throughout "Public Radio". It is my view based on this experience that there is very little public about "Public Radio". Yes "Public Radio" as it exists in its current form is A Failure. Nothing illustrates more clearly than the fact that not a single radio station in Los Angeles broadcasts the LA City Council meetings. This in the 2nd most populous urban area in this country. This in an area of the country where the FM Radio Broadcast Spectrum is filled to capacity. I consider this fact to be shameful. Clearly something has to be done to redress the inequity and disparity in access to the airwaves by the public. I consider the commission's call for rulemaking a positive step. I urge the commissioners to use the NLG's proposal as the basis for that rulemaking and would emphasize that additional spectrum would be required to create a LPFM service in Los Angeles.

Robert T. Marston
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As a founder of Steal This Radio, 88.7fm (presently enjoined from b'casting by US District Court Judge Mukasey, subject to Circuit Court Appeal), I have been a New York City microbroadcaster for the past four years. I wholly endorse the CDC comment and proposal (Committee on Democratic Communication of the National Lawyers' Guild) which they are filing pursuant to the FCC's LPFM rulemaking proposal (MM99-25). Localism is true democracy, and the CDC emphasis on local control of this new service speaks for those of us who see micropower radio as a means of grassroots community organizing. I would add that an amnesty for all micropower activists is essential to any new scheme--those who have committed or continue to commit electronic civil disobedience are often those who feel most passionately about this issue, and can be the guarantors of its success in any meaningful, nation-wide community application.

Sincerely yours,
Peter Spagnuolo, New York City.
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Hello,

Please add me as a signatory to the letter to the FCC at
<http://www.nlgcdc.org/99-25.htm>, regarding microradio and MM99-25.

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James Marshall james@jmarshall.com San Francisco, CA @ }-' ,--
"Teach people what you know."
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You have my support in these comments to the FCC.

My main comment is about letting competing applicants go to the FCC as soon as they have a "majority" for an LSRO. One might see a minority applicant group (along race, class, whatever lines) losing to a majority applicant group throughout a region. I can see that you do not want this. Perhaps a little more about the spirit with which applicants are to be encouraged to work together.

(It wasn't totally clear to me if the LSRO's are for individual stations or local groups of stations, but I gathered the former)

Thanks for all your work! Peace,
__John Abbe <johnca@ourpla.net

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All you \/\ John Abbe, Cat Herder johnca "Imagination is more
need \ / @ourpla.net important than knowledge."
is... \ http://www.ourpla.net/john/ --Einstein

I agree with the NLG/CDC position that the FCC should allow non-commercial broadcasting in the 0-100 watt power range with minimal requirements placed upon such

broadcasters. The 1 kW FCC proposal is beside the point, a red herring that will only serve to obstruct the basic intent of microbroadcasting, as stated in your comment.

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I would like to sign myself onto the proposal. My name is Dennis Lanigan, of Olympia, WA. I'm going to try to get the organizations I work for to sign also (Krecords, and KXXO 96.1 FM). Thanks for all of your effort.

Sincerely, Dennis
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I agree with the outlines set by the CDC; I also think that a 1000-watt level is too high to be called "micro".

I live near Mobile, AL and have operated (and will continue to operate, on a part-time basis for special events) a Part 15 FM station well within Part 15 rules and regulations; I will also look into adding a Part 15 AM station in the future.

Keep up the good fight.

Bud Stacey
"Micro-'casting" Columnist
The ACE
Sporadic Waves
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I'm from Berkeley, Ca and want to sign my name to the CDC recommendations to the FCC

Thanks,
Sue Supriano
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Please sign me on in support of microradio.

Sincerely,
Greg Supriano
Oakland, CA
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To whom it may concern,

Having once held an FCC First Class License, and having had various exposure to the workings of commercial broadcasting, the NAB, the FCC and so on - both past and present. I strongly support this initiative. It is a good correction to the FCC's proposal, placing the emphasis squarely on highly localized service, and keeping the money motive out of it. We must return some the public airwaves to the public.

Of great importance is the general undesirability of a 1000 watt license. With the exception of those vast and thinly populated areas of the country, most of us (in the urban and suburban areas) would be well served by stations in the 25 to 100 watt range, and stations should be free to reign in their coverage area by opting to run at power levels below the maximum permitted.

Again, let's make room for the idealists, community groups, artists, and others - the citizens, to provide content which is local, diverse, and independent of the monetary motivations that have reduced much (not all!) of today's broadcasting to a mediocrity of least offensive content.

Thank you,
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You may use both Women's History Library and National Clearinghouse on Marital and Date Rape. You may also use Laura Murra. 2325 Oak, Berkeley, Ca. 94708

Hello,

I am from Ferndale, MI, in Metro-Detroit and I wish to sign on to CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25.

Thanx!

"Don't be normal, be natural!"

Outsight Radio Hours Cybercasts
Fridays 6pm-9pm EST
<http://www1.collegemusic.com/index1.asp?url=content/Livecasts/tearaway.asp>

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I would like to sign on your comments for the FCC's rulemaking for LPFM.
My name is David Arms and I am in Ft, Lauderdale, Florida.

Thank you.
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To be forwarded to the FCC:

If we don't have micro radio, we will not have a variety of voices on the airwaves.
I support the creation of microradio stations.

Anthony Merillo
San Francisco, California
reply to Chrisfs@pacbell.net

Dear CDC:

Please add my signature to the CDC's Comments on the FCC's Low Power rulemaking process. I am attaching an argument against the absolute non-commercialization of low-power station. You are welcome to attach the first two paragraphs to my signature to the official record (unless my dissension disqualifies me as signatory, in which case, please just add my signature), but the rest of my comments, expanding on my position against absolute non-commercialization, are a contribution to the pro-micro radio conversation, not necessarily a message directed to the FCC. I hope they will be useful to you.

Leslie Lopez, Albuquerque, New Mexico

I agree with the CDC's position on Low Power radio stations in all respects but one: the absolute non-commercialization of these frequencies. There are three main reasons I oppose this point: 1) Such restraints mean that stations which want to expand services and/or hire key personnel are dependent on grants (typically non-local) and local donors (typically wealthier ones). 2) This means that if a station does not wish to go that route, it will be dependent on solely volunteer labor by people who enjoy some sort of financial support from family, or do not have family and full-time job responsibilities (i.e., relatively privileged individuals not representative of working communities). 3) Prohibition from receiving local business money for programming underwriting, while permitting indirect advertising via program flyers and "pro-business" programming, would tend to make capital contributions less visible to the community, certainly less effective than underwriting in terms of advertising, but no less weighty in terms of programming self-

ensorship. Such businesses would still constitute the "feeding hand" not to be bitten. HOWEVER, I believe it is critical to insist on underwriting from small, locally-owned businesses ONLY, in order to avoid contributing to the rampant commercial monopolization trend at work in the world today; I also think even local businesses should be prohibited from underwriting more than one local station at a time.

Moreover, in addition to the CDC's objections to the FCC's proposed rulemaking, I would add that the proposed licensing fees seem inordinately high for the 1-10 watt, and even the 100 watt stations. If the idea really is to make radio spaces available for all sectors of society, we will need to find ways to require low-watt fees that are possible to pay through a pre-license fundraising campaign. Such campaigns would have to raise funds with the promise to apply them to a project that could finally be denied. With such large amounts required for a license, I can imagine that a) the campaign would be long, logistically difficult and expensive in itself, only remotely possible for already well-established, relatively well-staffed organizations; and b) potential small donors would be unlikely to contribute to a hypothetical project. I hope the FCC will obey their legislative mandate: to make sure (at least a sliver of) United States airwaves pertain to the citizenry and further the common good.

I have been doing research on Latin American community radio for almost ten years, focusing primarily on Mexico, as well as following US community radio trends. For the last 15 years or so, the alternative media movement in Mexico has been trying desperately to get federal legislation changed which since 1965 has prohibited the commercialization (including underwriting) of airspace by non-profit stations. What this legislation means in practice is that if by some fluke a civil organization manages to get a licensed frequency for an educational/community project, it must resort to state funding (and, in Mexico, tight control); to NGO grants (from other countries)--a fulltime, highly skilled job in itself; to private donations from the wealthy fraction of the regional population, thereby losing political autonomy; and to raffles and other time-intensive, low-return projects. This factor is universally cited by free-media advocates as a primary suppressant of community radio in the country, second only to the federal disinclination to license frequencies to independent groups.

Meanwhile, the most serious obstacle to quality, independent radio programming (especially local/regional news production) throughout Latin America is the fact that non-commercial stations which want to reach and attend to the interests of poor (especially rural) listeners cannot afford to pay anyone enough to undertake this demanding work. As in the US, those who end up in community organization/community service positions are not necessarily those who most want to serve or who are most capable of doing so; rather, they are people who are most capable of and willing to sustain themselves on a pittance, and whose families do not need them to be regular full-time wage earners. The status of community radio globally is one of the most glaring examples of neoliberal repression-by-

starvation: lack of state support, combined with the inability of poor people to "pay for their own services" results in poor service run by overwhelmed individuals, making the whole package ultimately vulnerable to arguments that it "isn't competitive" or "isn't working" and therefore should be abolished or auctioned off.

While of course poverty conditions and repression of autonomy in the US do not match those of Mexico, it seems clear to me that the blandness of US community radio programming (e.g., NPR affiliates) is due not only to commercial underwriting, but to their catering to a small fraction of wealthy, relatively highly educated listener-donors who favor classical music and a particularly safe brand of liberal social analysis. The CDC's example of the Pacifica funding model is unfortunate, since Pacifica's large, well-established operations (begun in a wealthier era) are not comparable to small, low-tech marginal community groups, for whom the ongoing grant-getting process is at least as unfeasible as the non-profit incorporation process.

I firmly believe that a primary function of local, independent radio stations is to hold open a community space for a variety of points of view (not just the loudest and the angriest, which seems to have been the main expressive theme of many rebel radios so far--perhaps due to the prevalence of young males interested in having an expressive forum), and to promote local/regional integration capable of withstanding commercial and party monopolization of resources and spaces. This means (among other things) that communities have to find ways to sustain a local economy, along with these community spaces and the people who mediate them, without depending on private charity.

I agree with the CDC that the regulation of this is not easy, and I'm sorry I don't have a concrete suggestion of how to word a clause which would enable stations to seek local commercial support. I am also painfully aware that these arguments tend to fit with neoliberal>"free-market" tenets--although I think requiring that radio support come from locally-owned businesses is a crucial exception. However, as is the case with virtually all projects in the world today that seek to serve poor and otherwise marginalized folks, state support is frankly not forthcoming. We are stuck between the wall and the sword, as they say in Latin America. At this point in history, if we insist on a "pure" non-commercial status for these projects, we set up a situation in which local service projects are destined for the very "one dollar-one vote" dynamic the CDC wants to avoid, but channeled through routes more difficult for listeners to monitor.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lopez
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Hi

My name is Carl Bryant. I am a letter carrier in San Francisco Ca. and a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 214. I am concerned that low power radio stations will not be allowed to broadcast. We need these low power radio stations for community and labor media. We need an alternative to commercial radio.

Thank You,

CARL BRYANT
Carlvtv214@aol.com

I would like to sign onto your proposal for community microradio.
Sally Sommer, Berkeley, CA

SSommer900@aol.com

Please add my name to the petition!

Steve Keller
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Thanks!

Please include me as a signatory for comments to the FCC on non-commercial micro radio licenses.

Eric Galatas
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Boulder, CO 80306

Comments: In the interest of an open and democratic society, releasing a portion of the public airwaves for non-commercial use at this current time is of paramount import. The stranglehold of these public resources by increasingly concentrated corporate interests is an intolerable situation and must be remedied. Only the FCC has the independent executive capacity to serve public interests over private gain in this matter. The very core American values of Free Speech must be restored, and I urge you to act quickly and decisively to legalize non-commercial microradio as outlined by the National Lawyer's Guild's Committee on Democratic Communications.

Hi, please sign me on to your comments to the fcc regarding micro radio.
jamie

Jamie McClelland

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Please add my name to those in support of the FCC Low Power FM proposal:

Community radio plays a major role in my family's daily activities. We support any laws or policies designed to protect and nurture these vital local institutions.

Thank you.
Michael Auslin (Urbana, IL)
mauslin@uiuc.edu

Please make sure that communities can have the ability to maintain independent, non-commercial, low-power radio service. All of the FCC's previous regulations have worked practically to increase concentration of ownership, decrease the range of choices available to radio listeners, and to decrease the utility of radio service to community social and economic development.

I am asking, with this letter, to both support your efforts to formalize the existence of alternative and low-power radio services throughout the nation.

I have previously managed non-commercial radio and television stations so I have practical experience about the utility, service to the community, and contribution to the democratic process of non-traditional and non-commercial broadcast services.

Sincerely,

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I fully support CDC's comments to the FCC on this subject. Please add my name to the list of supporters/signatories. Please add me to your mailing list. Thanks.

KUSH KHATRI
Northern Virginia

Good Luck.
just_democracy@hotmail.com

Sign us on for CEM (Cultural Environment Movement).

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I am in favor of micro radio and support the CDC proposal that there be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total.

Please register my support,
thanks,
mike

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You can sign me on.

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I am in complete support the microradio bill

Listening to NAB about radio is like listening to milosivich about what to do with Yugoslavia!

Anne Bray
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I am in full support of this proposal and increased community access to radio.

Lorie J. Goodman
Venice, CA
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Anna Couey, Oakland CA, acouey@datacenter.org

thanks!

I support your position.

...Mel Powell, Los Angeles
mpowell19@aol.com

I feel that the FCC should establish a non-commercial Low Power Radio system with requirements that operators be local residents and provide significant local programming. A truly democratic government is best served by citizens who are better informed of local issues.

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"Books dissipate ignorance, the custodian and safeguard
of well-policed states." Voltaire

To Whom it may concern,

Please sign on Libraries for the Future

Thank you,
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Thanks

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Mike Saltz

Teacher, California
EZLNjan94@aol.com

The proposal for microradio is a wonderful idea whose time has come. Corporate radio stations are bringing us less and less while small public radio stations have brought depth and interest. Let the big radio stations compete; allow microradio.

Sign me on!
as an individual:
William R. Nay
Worcester, MA 01602

as an organization:
William R.Nay
Community Programming Manager
Shrewsbury Public Access Connection
Shrewsbury, MA
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I'd like to sign your petition.

PETER RASHKIN
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Peter Rashkin/Pyramid Press
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prashkin@thedagger.com
<http://thedagger.com>

Please sign me on:

Makani N. Themba-Nixon
The Praxis Project
Roanoke, VA
mthemba@igc.org

I am fully in support of opening up more bandwidth to the public.
Low Power FM belongs to the people. The FCC should allow communities to have licensed lowpower radio for non-commercial purposes.

J. Marshall Parker
5810 W 43rd Street
Houston, Tx 77092

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Dear FCC,

I support the comments filed by The National Lawyers Guild Committee on Democratic Communications. I believe in local programming designed for local communities, in the need for outlets for diverse and alternative voices and viewpoints and in the need for community and micro broadcasters to serve currently unserved communities. Please take in consideration the comments of The National Lawyers Guild Committee on Democratic Communications.

Tatiana L. da Silva
New York City

Inmedia@quicklink.com

To the FCC:

I am writing to support the Committee on Democratic Communications' efforts to promote low-power radio stations. I hope the FCC will take this opportunity to democratize the radio airwaves and improve the quality of local broadcasting across the nation.

Sincerely,

Timothy Boudreau
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To whom it may concern:

I attempted to click on the link your website offers to add my signature to the CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE), but was unable to do so. I have read through the proposal and believe wholeheartedly in its goals and intentions, and I would like to add my name to those who have voiced support. The rights of every citizen of this country to access the airwaves should not be fully ceded to corporations which in my opinion do not (by definition) have the public's best interests at heart. Allowing microradio stations to flourish is a small step in ensuring that at least some broadcasting in this country remains in the hands of its citizenry, and the CDC proposal gives me some hope that part of the airwaves might still be secured for the public.

I should also indicate that I am signing on as an individual and not as a representative of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, nor as a spokesperson for the Department of Communication Arts.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to free the airwaves for citizen use!

Sincerely,
Doug Battema

Doug Battema
Department of Communication Arts
University of Wisconsin-Madison
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I support the Comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild concerning non-commercial Low Power Radio Service.

Mike Budd
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Dear Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC),

Please support the establishment of non-commercial Low Power Radio services for communities around the United States. Although the NPR provides a valuable service nationwide with its programming at both the national and state level, it is essential that communities have their own voices as well. These local low power radio services can address the specific needs of smaller communities and provide a forum for numerous types of discussion and debate that couldn't happen with a larger group. These local services also can be another way to increase the democratic action and involvement so necessary in the country today. Why stifle the public's voice and alienate them further from their rights as citizens in a democracy by not allowing a forum where they can come together without being directed by commercial interests or cut off due to time limitations because of the need for advertising? I believe this addition to the media at the local level would be extremely valuable to enable new perspectives on issues and truly have the people be able to directly address their own local communities.

Please support the establishment of non-commercial Low Power Radio service throughout the United States. It is a valuable and essential service.

Sincerely,

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David Bernstein

Madison, WI

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Please support low-power radio that is not commercial and open to local residents of communities. This issue is crucial to supporting free media.

Sincerely,
Tona Williams

Tona Williams

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I wholeheartedly support this cause. I really think it's about time somebody attempted to put a stop to the corporate control of the radio.

Please add me to your file in support of the comments to the FCC:

Gordon Morehouse

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Santa Rosa, CA 95402-3463

I fully concur with the CDC proposal on MM99-25(Microradio Service). I am tired of much of the mindless programs on the regular commercial radio stations that are controlled by larger corporations. We need to bring back a community feeling in the air waves that has been lost in recent years.

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Sign me on to the petition.

Greg Durka
W. Keansburg, N.J.

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I strongly urge support for Low-Power non-commercial broadcasting. This is very necessary to provide diversity of opinion on the airwaves, which should be public, not corporate-dominated. I strongly urge support for such Low-Power broadcasting.

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To whom it may concern -

I am very much in favor of the legalization of small broadcast channels.

Christopher Fink
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Howdy folks of CDC and Nation Lawyer's Guild.

Thank you for taking up this cause, which I think is absolutely vital. Following are my comments to the FCC:

Dear Sirs,

I would like to thank you for showing concern about democracy and alternative voices on low power fm radio. THis is an essential task for our democracy. I would like to implore you to allow radio to become a forum for free speech. As it currently exists, I leave my radio off and refuse to listen. The only thing I watch on TV is public access and C-span: both of which fulfill a rarely filled essential niche for communication in a democratic society.

People now more than ever are mistrustful of the corporate media and are growing disgruntled with the media establishment. Many are coming to conclude that the FCC plays a role in this. It would be a very good demonstration of goodwill and democratic belief for the FCC to create new standards for community broadcasting that encourage local people to create forums for their own voices and viewpoints. I think this task is essential to bridge the growing gap of mistrust that is taking over America's people.

Thank you for considering this and I hope that you have a passion for democracy over bureaucracy and profit motive and demonstrate that to the people. The CDC and National Lawyer's guild proposals seem to me entirely logical and ethical if we are to move into the 21st century as a democracy.

Thank you again,
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I'm tired of such a limited selection of programming on the broadcast radio band, particularly on FM broadcast. I've heard some low-power stations in the past that offered fresh and provocative programming that simply can't be found on ordinary commercial radio.

When travelling, I'm forced to turn off my radio altogether or endure the canned programming that is offered.

I view low-power radio as an opportunity to local businesses to advertise when they could never otherwise afford air time on traditional commercial radio stations. I want to hear more than what is available on the PUBLIC airwaves because, regardless of subsequent changes in the FCC's opinion, the broadcast spectrum still belongs to the people of this country and should be open to those people without the overwhelming

obstacles that currently exist preventing any but the most wealthy and established from ever exercising their rights to free speech.

Kel
bladester@frodo.com
<http://w3.to/chaotic-universe>

Sir(s) and/or Madam(s),

I do not claim to understand the legalese in the document I saw printed on the internet. I am therefore going to tell you what I think, which you may pass on to the FCC if desired.

I believe in community radio. I believe that each community should have the opportunity to express itself on public airwaves. I believe this should cost as little as possible since not all communities possess equal resources.

If I do not like what somebody is saying, I can change stations or turn the radio off. The nature of free speech is that I may agree or disagree with the speaker. However, I also believe that commercial radio is a form of censorship. It silences the voices of people who do not express views acceptable to corporate society. ABC will never cover suicides at Disney World.

Please do not restrict public access to radio broadcasting. It would be a blow to the power of individuals and communities to speak for themselves. It would be a statement that only commercial culture is valuable and that our nation now exists for the benefit of corporate entities, not for human beings.

Thank you for your time.

Allison Leonard Crawford
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Gary R Hall
6336 Parapet Ct.
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oasis@cyberhighway.net
49 Year old Car Dealership Owner

I support the CDC position on LPFM and microradio.

Signed,

Keith Diederich
20763 Mac

print,what they want the public to hear and read,not always what is available. They are serving up the news they want the public to hear and see and read,and often not the news that reflects on them or their advertisers.

As I understand the situation,with Low Power Radio Service,it in no ways interfere's with the high-powered stations,but they will give the public more of what can be available, more of what is really out there,and more local community involvement,not tied to advertising,as is much of the mainstream/corporate owned and domiated media of today. Let the public have their airwaves back! Thank you.

Fred Jakobci
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To whom it may concern:

I have long supported low power FM radio as a means of communication. I think that even the little voices should be heard, that it is important that we protect and perhaps even encourage those communities.

I reside in New York City, work in both arts programming at a local level and the larger commercial music business.

Kind regards,

Hope Carr Hope Carr
hopecarr@ix.netcom.com

I do not and have no interest in running a microradio service, but I think the FCC's proposed regulation should pass as it's a good step in putting the media back into the hands of the people where it belongs.

Mike Everleth
Meverleth@aol.com

From: "Dennis Miller" <dmiller@zbzoom.net>

MM99-25-----do it

I am opposed to the FCC's attempt to shut down low power FM. Please sign my name as such.

Cambridge, MA

Nathan Blaisdell
nateb@lglass.com

Sign me up as an individual. This is my work email address as I live in Washington, DC.

Jay Armstrong Proxy Voter Services
(301) 545-4621 * (301) 545- 4516 (facsimile)
jay.armstrong@tfn.com jman4ever@yahoo.com

Please add my name to the signers of your proposal. Thank you.

Carolyn M. Birden
Department of English
Community College of Philadelphia
cmbirden@infohouse.com

My name is Mark Wright, 1307 Cypress Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80521.
lgmsfc@verinet.com

I support 100% the cause for micro radio.

Gentlemen;

Please add my name in support of your position to be voiced to the FCC in the matter of Low Power FM rulemaking. Thank you for taking and voicing this position in opposition to a closed-minded broadcasting elite.

William P. Warne
Anaheim, California
PWarne@voldelta.com

To the powers that be at the FCC;

Freedom of the press and freedom of speech are a vital part of the very fabric this nation is built on. As such and in recognition of the integral role radio plays in facilitating the voice of the people of this great nation, I enthusiastically endorse and support the establishment and public access to low power FM radio service (LPFM), as described in the comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications.

Respectfully,

Vincent M. Aita
U.S. Citizen
New York, NY
vma3@columbia.edu

I would like to sign on to the "Comments (views and proposals) of the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process." I have read the summary of the comments and agree with them. I feel this is an urgent matter and am happy to support the group taking initiative in this situation.

Randolph Smith
Cambridge, MA
rsmith@lglass.com

My name is Gary Boren and I just wanted to let you know that I strongly support the Committee on Democratic Communications Views and Proposals on the FCC Low Power Rulemaking process.... I have read thier proposals and believe they reflect my own.... please strongly consider these proposals as you go through your review process.

Thank you
Gary Boren
cairen@earthlink.net

Please add my signature to the comments.
Thank you

Al Armstrong
2802 Somerset Dr.
Albany GA 31707
Speaker-to-Hardware@email.msn.com

Please add my name to the signatories to the Comments on the CDC web site dated May 11, 1999 (www.nlgcdc.org/99-25.htm).

Nick Harvey KF6VNO
nick@svn.net

Freedom of speech is essential to the psychological fabric of the United States. One very important example of free speech and expression is public radio. I enthusiastically endorse and support the establishment and public access to low power FM radio service (LPFM), as described in the comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications. Thank you for your support.

Best regards,

Kevin Greenstein
Director of Internet Marketing
Net4Music
kevin.greenstein@usa.net

I would like you to affix my signature in favor for CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25
(MICRORADIO SERVICE)

Comments:

Do it for demoracy

Christopher Hagelstein
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Worcester, MA. 01603 USA
christopherh@solutions2000.com

I agree with the formal comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications and encourage the FCC to follow their recommendations.

The US is lacking diversity in its media as a result of the consolidation of the communications industry. While this consolidation has resulted in a high level of quality in delivery, content has suffered. Large media have to appeal to the common denominators in their mutli-regional markets, which creates a void of entertainment and news for those Americans who don't fit the prevailing demographic.

I'm sure the National Association of Broadcasters has made convincing arguments that minimally restricted mocroradio will hurt their businesses, and I am sure that this is so. However, I would ask that the FCC weigh the needs of the many over the needs of the few in this case, even if it means additional costs, or missed profits for commercial broadcasters.

Thank you

--

Joe Loyall -- jloyall@rmi.net
Colorado Springs, CO

With those two guiding principles in mind, there can be no logical argument against allowing LPFM- this seems to be a necessary part of any community, especially considering the ever-growing diversity in American cities.

Jeff Carlin
Musica de la Free School
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San Mateo, CA 94401
carlins@sirius.com

Thanks for the opportunity to voice support for Micro Radio. This is one of the most sensible things I have heard in regards to making the radio spectrum available to the people.

I fully support the creation of Micro Radio.

Thanks!

Al Jewer
Fort Atkinson, WI
lafcat@lafcat.com

There must be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total. In a world that is rapidly centralizing, media are coming to represent only one political view. In order for democracy to work at all, ordinary citizens need every possible opportunity to share ideas and talk about public policy.

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Please include:

Shundahai Network

Gregor Gable

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Las Vegas, NV 89108

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"Peace and Harmony with all Creation"

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Free Radio Vegas is gearing up to start broadcasting soon.

Shundahai, Gregor

Non-commercial Low Power Radio service (with requirements that operators be local residents and provide significant local programming) is the democratic thing to do! Happy Independence Day, by the way.

Dawnene Hammerberg
ddhammer@facstaff.wisc.edu
Madison, Wisconsin
July 4, 1999

I SUPPORT COMPETITION BY LEGALIZATION

MICHAEL C WARD
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Please add my name to the list of supporters:

Scott Gurian
WMBR Community Radio
Boston, MA
Noamad1@aol.com

I support this proposal.

Craig Elgin
celgin@inprise.com

Please add my name as a supporter for the
CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE)

Randy Strauss, Mountain View, CA, 94040
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Dan J. Roherty
319 W Atlantic St.
Appleton, WI 54911
megarohr@execpc.com

Yes, definitely sign us on again! If this isn't adequate, let me know.
Thanks for your good work!
Dr. Donna Allen, President,
Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press
wifponline@igc.apc.org

Please sign me up! I support the CDC's proposal wholeheartedly.

Adam Hammick
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okra4breakfast@yahoo.com

I wish to register my support of the CDC position on this issue. There is no sound reason for the FCC to cower to global conglomerates and stomp on the voices of the people of a still nominally free nation. Our voices will be heard.

Joyes M. Burris
San Francisco, California
joyesb@pacbell.net

Hello,

I would like to sign on to support the CDC's efforts for the non-commercial Low Power Radio Service initiative. Please continue to inform me of the latest developments. Thank you.

Amanda Hill
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Atlanta, GA 30316
ahill@csrsales.com

In order for any democratic measure to be successful, there needs to be guarantees and assurances that a wide range of people will have access to the measure. The Committee on Democratic Communications proposal will work to ensure that citizens will be able to use Low Power Radio as a powerful local tool for communication and the dissemination of information. With such an entry point for democratic participation, I, as a citizen, would not only be able to voice and communicate my own thoughts using such a vehicle, but I would also benefit from the many other viewpoints and thoughts which Low Power Radio makes accessible. It is for this increased public participation and potential for a more diverse range of radio possibilities that I support the CDC's proposal concerning Low Power Radio.

Sincerely,

Keith Timko
keith@cce.org

I'm in favor of the CDC's micro radio plan. Having your voice heard is the American way. Unfortunately, so is screwing the little guy. I believe the little guy should win this one.

Love,

Andy Wallman
awallman@lsb.com
608-251-7070

Please add my name and address to your list:

David Kleist
126 Crest Way
Emmaus, PA 18049
dkleist@beth.k12.pa.us

Thanks!

Lamar Beasley <lbeasley@aslancorp.com>

Please, add me to the list in support of the FCC ending its ban on low-power fm radio.

It is important to have real, non-commercial broadcast media. The CDC proposal accomplishes this without the threat of big operators buying up all the stations. The FCC would do well to welcome any promise of airing the diversity we see in our real daily lives. Diversity is sorely lacking in the commercial system and the handful of public outlets provide only a little help.

I worked in broadcasting for a decade, and know firsthand that many decision makers in corporate media cynically despise public input. I can't conceive individual operators could make the same mistake.

Chris Church
chris@backinsf.com

Hi,

I would like to take a moment and express my support for the amnesty of low power radio pioneers.

Small non-commercial stations add to the local flavor of wherever they are located. Commercial stations do nothing to support the arts in their communities, unless it is by way of advertisement for some big over-rated event. They offer nothing in the way of information on community issues either.

Sure, you can hear local music and news on public or college radio, but they still have to follow certain guidelines in their programming...(for example, they cannot bring in music from their own private collections...which is something that I want to hear.)

Being able to express ideas and music via the airwaves is an artform. It is one that should be available to the general public as the other artforms are.

Please support LPFM, and include requirements for some locally-based programming.

Thank you,

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I want the FCC to allow community radio.

Matthew R. Abel
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attorneyabel@voyager.net

Hello, my name is Timothy Warner. I live on the southern Oregon coast. I want to support you in your fight for low-watt independent radio!

Thanks.

tim
kalhoun@harborside.com

Computers are useless. They can only give you answers - Picasso

I agree with your comments to the FCC about microradio broadcasting. While I may not agree with all the uses of said capability, I don't have to, that is what makes this country great (or would without corporate greed).

Lonnie T. Hovis
Leesburg, Virginia
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Jeremy Bridges
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Baker, LA 70714 USA
RecurveTD2@aol.com

Hello. My name is Paul Mastrangelo. I have read your letter and would like to sign on.
bananas-@webtv.net

I am in support of the legalization of microradio.

Jane Manners
Assistant Editor
Brill's Content
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Please sign me on the letter as below
Catherine M. Brennan, Esq.
Baltimore, MD
cbrennan@wlcmd.org

I'd like to go on record as supporting the changes to FCC regulations permitting microradio, as your document recommends.

-- Britton Johnston
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505-986-3495

I support the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process.

I agree that there should be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total.

Under the present system, most radio is junk -- rock and roll and dumb, sensational talk aimed at the lowest level of listener and designed only to sell soap or CDs.

The rest of us need something attuned to intelligent listeners who are considered important even if they don't buy somebody's products.

Frankly, at the moment I turn on the radio mostly to get the weather report.

Radio has to begin to approximate the Internet -- which will, by the way, eclipse it unless it opens to other producers besides people with big money whose main interest is advertising.

Lucy Komisar
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On behalf of Chicago Access Corporation (CAC) I am writing to support the comments of the CDC in relation to microradio. CAC is the public access television facility the serves

thousands of Chicago residents and nonprofits with training, facilities, and channel time on local, noncommercial cable channels. We believe that diversity in speech via television and radio is a critical part of democracy. Even as public access television helps open up television to a wide variety of speakers, micropower radio can do the same. We support a set-aside for noncommercial channels to be used by nonprofits, public access facilities, and for other nonprofit purposes.

Barbara Popovic <popovic@anet.com>

Please add my name as an individual. Thank you.

Robert E. Rutkowski, Esq.

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rutkowski@terraworld.net

It is absolutely essential and constitutionally mandated that people be able to communicate with another via the quaint and underused medium of free speech without the intervention of the clearly (and rightfully) biased, bloated and patronizing corporate media. Won't you please permit us access to our own property, the airwaves?

Sincerely,

Scott and Laura Free
sfree@rt66.com

CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE)

Sounds like a great idea.

Scott McDowell, Novato, California
scott.mcdowell@autodesk.com

I have read and am endorsing the formal comments on the FCC Proposal from the National Lawyer's Guild's Committee on Democratic Communications.

Sincerely,
Cathy Dunsmore
cathytbi@aol.com

I support the comments and proposals outlined by the Committee on Democratic Communications with regard to microradio service.

Bruce Hamilton
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Robert Rundstrom
1102 McNamee St.
Norman, OK 73069
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I want to add my name to the signature list supporting FCC legalization of low-power microradio.

The airwaves are for people not money.
Arlington, Massachusetts
Eli Gerzon
Mortuscid@aol.com

patrice le-muire jones
patrice@geocities.com
freelance writer
Ypsilanti, Michigan

I support the CDC's May 11, 1999 Comments before the FCC on Low Power FM Rule-making processes.

John Shaplin
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johnshaplin@email.msn.com

Former Member of Chittenden Co. Cable Access Advisory Board

I substantially agree with the comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process:

- ~ that there be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents;
- ~ that the service provides significant local programming; and,
- ~ that each licensee can operate one station total.

Tom Brown
1213 Humboldt St.
South Bend, IN 46628

Tom Brown
The Computer Tutor
tbrown@michiana.org

Ladies&Gentlemen,

I completely support the CDC proposal for low power radio. Acceptance and implementation of low power radio transmission by the FCC will finally democratize broadcasting in this country.

Yours enthusiastically,
Marshall Fox
mfox@foxinternet.net

I would like sign on to your comments regarding the LPFM rulemaking process.

Todd Burnside
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Fairbanks, AK 99709
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todd@mosquionet.com

I support the legalization of microradio because the airwaves have become dominated by major corporate radio stations who offer a very limited amount of music and opinions. It's quite sad to turn from one radio station to the next and have the exact same 15 or so watered-down songs played over and over.

Jason Springer
Orlando, FL
jza@magicnet.net

I would like to sign-on to the CDC's comments regarding the pending low power radio station legislation.

David L. Chelsea-Seifert
Social worker and tenant organizer
San Francisco, CA
CHELFERT@aol.com

Please add my name to the supporters of these Comments:

Thomas B. Dewey

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Oliver S. Tershansy
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Tobacco Free Planet Earth & Project Volunteer
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PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE AIRWAVES TO INFORM AND EDUCATE AS WELL AS ENTERTAIN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. CORPORATE OWNERSHIP OF THE AIRWAVES MEANS ONLY THAT WHICH PRODUCES MAXIMUM PROFITS GETS ON THE AIR. I HOPE THE FCC WILL VOTE WITH THE PEOPLE AND ALLOW MICRORADIO TO BE A NOT FOR PROFIT COMMUNITY BASED MODE OF COMMUNICATION. IT COULD GO A LONG WAY IN REASSURING PEOPLE THAT THEY STILL DO HAVE A VOICE IN WHAT GOES ON IN OUR SOCIETY.

JAY BROPHY
jyanne@igc.org

Sign me up!

We must have fair opportunity and access to community radio!

---Ramey Wood

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rwood@ptialaska.net

I am part owner of a community art space in Austin, Texas. In the last few years I have seen alot of interest in micropower radio by a wide range of community groups. I truly feel that the granting of micropower licenses would enable smaller groups of people to organize and disseminate information, an exciting possibility in an age when communication is requiring more hardware every day. Radio is an ideal medium for publicly useful communication because almost every citizen has access to inexpensive receiving equipment.

I feel that licenses should NOT be granted to for profit ventures, as this would quickly clog the air waves with advertisements. The real potential here is to provide the public with useful information and an avenue for cultural exchange.

I hope you will unanimously approve the granting of licenses to micro radio broadcasters, I look forward to the positive changes that will result.

Morgan Knicely
Off Center Art Space
2211-A Hidalgo St.
Austin, TX 78702
Nighzlie@telebot.net

Sir or Madam,

Please add my name as a supporter of CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE). What more appropriate use could there be for the public airways than free speech programs by private citizens unconnected with any commercial interests? I fully support this concept.

Sincerely,

Gerald G. Comisar, PhD
jcomisar@ix.netcom.com

Please add my name in support of the comments of the NLG In the Matter of Creation of a Low Power Radio Service, MM Docket No. 99-25, RM-9208, RM-9242, to which I also respectfully add the observations of Judge Learned Hand, who stated that the most "vital of all general interests" was "the dissemination of news from as many different sources, and with as many different facets and colors as is possible. That interest is closely akin to, of indeed it is not the same as, the interest protected by the First Amendment; it presupposes that right conclusions are more likely to be gathered out of a multitude of tongues, than through any kind of authoritative selection. To many this is, and always will be, folly; but we have staked upon it our all" US v. Associated Press 52 F.Supp. 362 (S.D.N.Y. 1943) aff'd 326 US 1 (1944)

Respectfully,

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Please do everything in your power to assist the legal licensing and

encourage the proliferation of microradio. It is high time the airwaves, which are owned by the people of this country, were made available to the all the people of this country, not just the rich and politically powerful.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Beckon Duel
Beckon@Sonic.net

Have a friend that use to run a local station til FCC shut him down. We loved all the air play and music. Would like to see him get back on the air.

James S Ragan
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Houston, Texas 77087
jimmyr@postoffice.swbell.net

Thanks to the CDC for putting my passionately-held views into proper form. It is an urgent matter of justice that the FCC take these recommendations and make them law!
LonPaul Ellrich
Indianapolis, IN
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Fletcher Rogers <fletcher@babenet.com>

I endorse endorse the formal comments on the FCC Proposal from the National Lawyer's Guild's Committee on Democratic Communications.

scott polisky <spolisky@usc.edu>

The members of the Ecology Center of Southern California pledge our support for Low Power Radio.

Ecology Center of Southern California
P.O. Box 351419
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Sincerely,
Jonathan Moss
Issues Committee Representative

Please add my name to your comment to the FCC in regards to low power fm radio AKA CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE).

Thank you,

Babak Rastgoufard
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Bowling Green, OH
babak2@rocketmail.com

From: "Sheri L Hyde" <sheri.hyde@gte.net>

This letter is in support of microradio.

The idea of Microradio is as American as the idea of a free press. In 1776, people could cheaply print handbills and effectively spread their ideas to the public. In modern times, technology only makes this practical with the internet and microradio. If the technology worries in the early days of radio and the FCC had been solved in 1776, microradio would have been endorsed by everyone then. Thank you for listening.

Bruce D. Martin
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"JASON CZITO" <JCZITO@mlode.com>

My name is Jason Czito. I am not currently with any significant organizations, but am less than a year away from receiving a teaching credential. I live in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California (Soulsbyville, 95372), and I do actually receive many radio stations here. Top 40, Country, R&B, light Rock, and Alternative programming is the norm, as it seems to be everywhere I travel to and visit. Naturally there is more diversity in urban areas, but the unused bandwidth in rural areas seems to me a terrible waste. Woe is the person that doesn't like these types of music and would like to listen to the radio, but doesn't live in an area urban enough to receive remotely diverse programming. What a breath of fresh air it would be to have the FM frequencies filled with other-than-mainstream programming. The argument for low-power radio has, I feel, already been adequately made by Philip Tymon in his proposition to the FCC. I don't think there are too many people (excluding the commercial radio corporations) that would complain of more broadcasts popping up on their tuners. Theoretically the FCC is working in the public interest, so I would like to think that this proposition will be met with enthusiasm.

I would like to sign on to the Comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process.

-Alex Peraza
Student of Radio and Television at the University of Central Florida

carmenperaza@sprintmail.com

I support and endorse the CDC's petition in In the Matter of MM Docket No. 99-25.

Mark Gromala
Ann Arbor, MI
MGROMALA@ftc.gov

Friends,

I would love to add my signature to your proposal. I have read a good portion of it, and I believe it will go a long way to balancing the power of corporate control over our airwaves. I am very concerned with the future of democracy in a country where the populace's source of information is controlled by the wealthy and those with financial interests at stake. I urge the FCC to adopt your proposal.

Sincerely;

Barry R. Cheney R.Ph.
104 39th Ave. Pl. NW
Hickory, NC 28601
bcheney@twave.net

My name is Peter Harris. I am a web designer in Los Angeles, supporting efforts to encourage the FCC to allow for micro radio stations.
DRatomic@universalprosthesis.com

I agree with your basic thrust: that there be a non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total. Please include my name as a signatory.

Roget Lockard
15 Lynn Drive
Southampton, MA 01073
RAMandolin@aol.com

Dear Sir or Ms,

I urge you to support the legalization of microradio. This format would truly serve community needs and promote real democracy in our communities.

Robert G. Carson
834 Central Ave.
Rahway NJ 07065
Rcarson31@aol.com

I would like to endorse and sign on to your filing of comments with the FCC in re microradio licensing.

My name & address are:

John Brandt
2121 Carlisle Rd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
JHBrandt@aol.com

Dear folks, I believe a low power community radio system for local use is a vital, important and much needed added feature to our airwaves. Count me for microradio. I am for microradio as a feature of the public's radio part of the spectrum.

I am Michael O'Kane, 2121 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501
bg442@lafn.org.

To the FCC:

I support the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC COMMUNICATIONS request for non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, operating only one station.

Sincerely,
Zacciah Blackburn
Springfield, VT
Zacciah@sunreed.com

i'm wishing to stress my support for the FCC's proposal to allow microradio users to legally use the low-frequency area of the electromagnetic spectrum,

radio is already too manipulated by mtv and other big shots, tv is there with old people watching and being manipulated by the big shots that own large shares of the tv waves, the low frequency area must be reserved for others without as much capital to work with as those other media giants

i'm for what the FCC has in mind with legalizing the use of those low-frequency waves

(tony) michael a. bourbina jr.
bourbina@provide.net

I agree with the CDC's comments, and feel that we need a community-oriented broadcast outlet such as LPFM.

Leon B. Hojegan
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hojegan@hotmail.com

WE FULLY SUPPORT AND AGREE WITH THE CDC.

Jane Schoenberg
Steven Schoenberg
janes@massed.net

I agree that there should be an alternative to commercial radio if there is to be a free flow of information that will not be geared to an agenda to preserve the existing system, wealth and power structure. Freedom itself is on the line.

Harold Taggart
Co-Chairman
Chicago Democratic Socialists of America
HTaggart@mc.net

I fully support the CDC's comments on the FCC's proposal for microradio.

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I support your interest in making/keeping the air waves free. I believe that community based organizations could benefit greatly from access to the radio waves of their region.

Andrea Preschle of Hoboken, NJ
Andevents@aol.com

Dear CDC:

I am writing to express my support for COMMENT OF NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC COMMUNICATIONS FILED ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND THE BELOW LISTED MICRO- BROADCASTERS, CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS.

Greg Boozell
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Chicago, IL 60622
cantv@wwa.com

From: Ken Wise <kenwise@gte.net>

We need em', I'm for em', Let's have em'.

being in the 4th largest city in the USA with very little if no real community voice is just not reasonable - we have one corporate own newspaper a whole bunch of corporate run syndicated radio stations and none representing my community - where is my voice - LPFM is our only chance to get community info and news

we do have first amendment rights and the air waves are the publics - aren't they

Larry Gregory
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Houston, TX 77071
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ldgreg@alltel.net

Alison Moski <drggon@javanet.com>

I endorse the formal comments on the FCC Proposal from the
National Lawyer's Guild's Committee on Democratic Communications.

Please add my vote for low-power FM radio. We need more representation from minorities and other voices besides the mainstream to keep America free and media opinions diverse.

Sally Adams
12 W. Willow Grove Ave. PMB #108
Philadelphia, PA 19118
pan@beloved.net

Thank you!

Eydie K. Wilson <ewilson@bahou.com>
2312 Commonwealth, #6
Houston, Texas 77006

Please sign me on as a supporter of the CDC's brief on microradio.

Kathleen Juergens
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I want to sign onto the pro-legalization of microradio statement.

Please add my name to the CDC Reply Comments on Micro Radio.

Ted M. Coopman
Rogue Communication
rogue@roguecom.com

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the low power proposal proposed by the CDC, As a pioneer of local access TV this is an another outlet for the public to share their views and enforce their rights of Freedom of Speech.

Andrew
Clark
Miami Springs
TV Productions, VP Tech. Affairs, Co- Founder MSTVP 1986
andrew-clark@worldnet.att.net

trent gillispie <trent@eythel.com>

KPFA just had a single bullet fired from that god dam 6th floor of Janet Reno and believe it or no blew um right off the air. The Warren & Bones comission had their report done ahead of time imigane that

We need to wake the Sheepie I hear hear the shear

I have read the comment of National Lawyers Guild, Committee on Democratic Communications in the matter of MM Docket No. 99-25: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service RM-9208, RM-9242.

I hereby endorse and support their comment as an individual. (I must admit that I am surprised to find myself moved to associate with a position taken by the National Lawyers Guild, a group whose public stands I have often opposed in the past.)

Since the FCC has loosened almost all control over the concentration of control of the airwaves in multistation conglomerates, it has become more and more difficult to find any diversity of voices on the air. At the same time, books, newspapers, film, magazines, and TV cable companies have more and more come to be dominated by the same small group of information megapowers.

The huge conglomerates that control the vast majority of information available to the public continue to swallow up their smaller competition. There is less and less competitive reason for them to try to serve anyone's interest but their own. In broadcast media, we no longer make retention of a station's license dependent on how well the station serves the public interest. Now we have given the conglomerates a free gift of billions of dollars worth of rights to use the broadcast spectrum against the public interest.

Some countervailing voice is vitally necessary.

Low Power FM radio offers an opportunity to reach the public that would be beyond the control of the media giants. Make licenses non-transferable, limited to local residents with multiple license-holding prohibited, and restricted to non-commercial uses, and the service would neither interest nor threaten the giant media corporations. Such a service would open channels for individuals, small groups, public interest organizations, and other non-commercial sources to use in true public service.

The proposed Low Power FM radio service can be run by and for ordinary people from their own homes. We have already seen how much of a difference a widely available, unfettered information source can make with the example of the Internet. I am using that source to communicate with you. Internet access, however, still is beyond reach for large segments of our nation. Receivers for the proposed service can be within the reach of everyone, and it shouldn't cost that much more to go on the air with a low power station than it does to connect to the Internet.

I strongly support the ideas of local control and non-commercial use for the proposed Low Power FM radio service. Those principles would literally restore the voices of diversity that are our nation's greatest strength. Opening this kind of local radio service in ways that would keep control in the hands of ordinary people would create a new freedom: the freedom to be heard.

Dr. Michael Salovesh
1401 North First Street
De Kalb, IL 60115

E-Mail: <salovesh@niu.edu>

Please add my name to the letter in supporting the CDC statement. Thanks,
Marya Sosulski

Do not go where the path may lead,
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.
...Ralph Waldo Emerson

You can see great things from the valley...
Only small things from the peak.

-- G.K. Chesterton

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Please add my name as a signatory to your Comments on the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process...

Juliette Cutler Page
Editor-in-chief
Feminista!

"A person who writes to another makes more impact than ten thousand who are silent."--M. Levine
<http://www.mediawatch.com>

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Juliette Cutler Page  
Editor-in-Chief, Feminista!  
The Online Journal of Feminist Construction  
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Dear National Lawyer's Guild:

I would like to sign on to the CDC's proposal on microradio service, MM99-25. I agree that making microradio available to individuals and community organizations for non-profit purposes is an excellent idea.

Dr. David Feldman  
Professor of Physics  
College of the Atlantic  
105 Eden St.  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609  
[dave@hornacek.coa.edu](mailto:dave@hornacek.coa.edu)

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to endorse the Comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process. My name is Sarah Nossaman and I am the Outreach Coordinator for World Stewardship Institute. Our address is: 409 Mendocino Ave, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

Thank you,

Sarah  
sarah@ecostewards.org

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Herbert Movius  
1495 Seabright Ave.  
Grover Beach, CA. 93433  
Zmovius@juno.com

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Please add my name to your petition to the FCC on behalf of low cost  
micro-broadcasters

Toni Cannon  
Chicago, IL  
TCannon77@aol.com

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Marta Williams  
Graton CA  
MartaW@concentric.net

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lift the ban on low-power local radio broadcasting...as an 8-year college dj  
(WHFR 89.3FM, Dearborn/Detroit, MI) and concert venue manager (St. Andrew's  
Hall/The Shelter, Detroit, MI), i fully support noncommercial, low-wattage  
stations.  
steven chesney. 810.609.4630.  
STANDREWH@aol.com

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please sign me on to the mircroradio letter  
thanks.  
Guadalupe C. Flores, Audubon Society  
624 W. Entiat #5  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
lupito@owt.com

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We give my support to the CDC's proposal on MM99-25 (Microradio Service), and we  
urge the FCC to consider it.  
Thank you,  
Gene Marshall & Amy Bliss  
1651-B Huntington Hill Dr  
St. Louis, MO 63021  
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I Support all efforts.

Sincerely,  
David Bauer  
Milwaukee, WI  
d.bauer4@gte.net

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ron vengco  
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I wish to sign on to the CDC proposal on micro radio broadcasting. I am an individual.  
Here is my information:  
Matthew B. Romain  
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byron@people-link.com  
In the struggle,  
M.B.R.

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Elizabeth J. Rublev  
Chicago, Illinois  
ejrublev@enteract.com

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I would like to sign on to the CDC's comments to the FCC.

Naomi Podber  
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Brooklyn, NY 11235  
MASTERRAR0@aol.com

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Please add my name to supporters of your comments on the desirability of  
implementing community based, low power microbroadcasting...

jason ward  
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Chicago, IL 60647  
jasonward@earthlink.net

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"Shawn Ewald" <shawn@wilshire.net>  
Phone: (315) 539-2848  
Organization: The A-Infos Radio Project  
Address: 722 Waterloo-Geneva Rd. Waterloo, N.Y. 13165

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To whom it may concern,

Please sign me on to the CDC comments to the FCC's rulemaking proposal. I'm in basic agreement with all points mentioned. My name is Kelly R. Benjamin (aka Kelly Kombat) and I'm a resident of Gainesville, Florida. For three years myself and others operated an unlicensed, non-commercial, low-power community station in Tampa, Florida on 87.9 FM (87X). The FCC raided my home and seized all transmitting equipment along with a music collection at the very beginning of the national federal crackdown in November, 1997. "Black Wednesday". I'm signing on as an individual AND as a representative of the Free Radio Tampa collective.  
Thank You.  
x87x@hotmail.com

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I would like to voice my support for CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-2.  
I live in the Cleveland, OH area.  
Thank you.

Tom Kennedy  
thomas\_b\_kennedy@national-city.com

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I am a college student from Boise Idaho currently studying to be a broadcast engineer. I find it absolutely appalling that there are no real opportunities for someone with my background and training. I would hope that LPFM becomes a reality as soon as possible.  
jmoody@bsumail.idbsu.edu

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"M. R." <memesabon@hotmail.com>

I would like to sign on to your statement for the FCC.  
Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of community radio.

Sincerely,

Meme Sabon  
for: Steal This Radio  
Radiac  
and WJMZ

(all of which have been silenced by the FCC!)

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Please attach my name to your draft proposal.

Adam Soroka  
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Charlottesville, VA 22903  
ajs6f@virginia.edu

Thanks!

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"We live in an age disturbed, confused... afraid of its own forces... There is much excitement and feverish activity, but little concert of thoughtful purpose. We are distressed by our own ungoverned, undirected energies and do many things, but nothing long. It is our duty to find ourselves."

-- Woodrow Wilson speaking at Princeton on June 9, 1907.

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From: Daniel Brigham <danbrook@neosoft.com>

I support and affirm the Comments put forth by the Committee for Democratic Communications to the FCC with regard to MM99-25, microradio licensing, especially for 100 watt broadcasters.

By the way, I am in Houston Tx. and affiliated with Montrose Radio

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Phil-

The NLG/CDC proposal is extremely thorough, well-written, and promotes the creation of a LPFM that meets the needs of those voices not currently heard in the media from communities and grass-roots organizations around the country. Because of the NLG/CDC's role in defending the rights of many of the pioneering micro-broadcasters from FCC prosecution, and because of its basic orientation to the rights of the under-represented in our society, the NLG/CDC's proposal on LPFM should be a standard for the FCC to follow if it truly wants to fulfill its role in regulating the public's airwaves in the public interest of all Americans. Corporations and the small business community already have plenty of avenues for participation in the media "business". Let's leave a little space on the public's airwaves for the public-spirited, the community-oriented, the creative individuals, who just want to get and receive information and culture for the pure joy, sense of participation, and/or contribution to the common good of their neighbors, community, or small town.

-Art Persyko

alpersyko@earthlink.net

(rank and file member of Teamsters Local 85, San Francisco, and NLG/CDC volunteer)

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From: "bartok" <bartok@earthlink.net>

The people of this country are in dire need of, and in fact have a legal right to radio airwaves. Commercial radio only serves the needs of private ownership and businesses. Micro radio broadcasting benefits local communities and gives the public access to the airwaves. Under the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, all people have equal and free access to all forms of media. We need to recognize this.

-Bartok

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I urge the FCC to authorize a true alternative to the current commercial broadcasting scheme in accordance with the proposals currently drafted by the Committee for Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild.

This service should be community based, locally owned and operated, and strictly non-commercial. The last thing anyone needs is more intrusive commercial messages polluting the airwaves. Micro radio of 100 watts or less should be designed as an independent community service featuring local voices and programming, not a business opportunity for media entrepreneurs.

Micro radio stations, once licensed, must maintain their integrity on the band. Secondary status for such stations would defeat the purpose of changing the law, and encourage full power stations to circumvent the law. Increased space should also be allotted to accommodate more micro radio stations in all locations.

Further, I ask the FCC to suspend all prosecutions, raids, fines, confiscations, and any other legal actions pending or intended against micro broadcasters who are or have engaged in electronic civil disobedience. Without them, no change would have been possible.

Jackie Dove  
dove@slip.net

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San Francisco Liberation Radio (93.7 FM)  
<http://www.slip.net/~dove>  
KUSF Animal Nation (90.3 FM)  
<http://www.slip.net/~dove/animalnation.html>

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From: TSingle999@aol.com  
Subject: sign me on

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We would like to comment on the Low Power Licenses:

The Town of Montague consists of five villages spread out over a large area. Our community cable television station does not cover entire quadrants. Yet people are very interested in what goes on in local politics, the school board meetings, public service announcements and so on. We are also plagued with extremely superficial regional commercial radio and a single newspaper with very skewed onesided editorials and reporting. A community owned and operated radio would be a valuable asset fostering democratic participation.

In addition, this area is seeing a large influx of minorities fleeing the urban centers in Western Massachusetts. It would be a tremendous help if we could have multilingual programming and cultural perspectives that would help build bridges between local people and the newcomers. It would defuse some of the interracial tension that have been building

for some time now and would create a sense that this community cares about those whose language and customs it may not fully understand.

A 100 watt station with a repeater, this is hill country, would be most beneficial.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Bosch  
Executive Director

MCTV is a locally owned and operated cable access station in the hill-towns of Western Massachusetts.

It is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation.

Montague Community Television  
"We may not like what you say, but we'll struggle for your right to say it!"  
Turners Falls MA 01376  
413.863.9200 fax . . . 2187  
Ron Bosch, Director  
mctv@k12s.phast.umass.edu

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Hello,  
I am writing to indicate my support of the CDC's comments and suggestions towards the establishment of low-power community-based FM radio. In particular, I agree with the CDC's warnings regarding the allowance for absentee owners, and the possibility to own more than one LPFM station. I also strongly concur with the CDC that LPFM should be kept strictly non-commercial; the discourse of business has swallowed up so much of our other public-interest forums (we are at this moment witnessing the rapid commercialization of the internet), that any public area we can find that is free of business interests should be kept that way.

Regards,  
Vincent Chiao  
vhc2b@cms.mail.virginia.edu

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Hi Phil;

You can add my name to the sign ons for the CDC comments.

Stewart Port  
65 Fifth Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94606  
StuPort@aol.com

You can list my affiliation as Radio Facing Southeast/ Radio Mirando al Sureste, bilingual microradio for East Oakland.

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I don't have a lot to add to your current statements and opinions but I do feel that there needs to be a change in the current FCC regulations regarding microradio and I would like to add my name to the fight for microradio liberation.

Dylan Schwartz-Northfield, OH  
kupo333@yahoo.com

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To whom it may concern: I am horrified that the government is being so blatantly in violation of our right to freedom of speech. It seems quite obvious that only when we are consumers of corporate products are we allowed to have our freedom. I oppose any regulation of the airwaves on the small scale of microradio, especially at the demand of the commercial broadcasters. Talk about selling out! We the people of the United States and the world actually have the right to free access to the air waves. Restricting that access in what is called a democracy is hypocritical, dangerous and reeks of facism and totalitarianism. Please do not allow this to go on. Do what ever it takes to stop this violation now. Indignantly,  
Margot Eiser Ojai, Ventura County, California  
margoteiser@ojai.net

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I fully support the principles of non-commercial Low Power Radio service run by local residents providing significant local programming that is not run by local businesses. It seems that until the FCC wakes up to cries of real Americans, we will be bombarded by the propaganda of multinational corporations. I would rather listen to a bad local garage band than to the bland pop that Sony (CBS Records), BMG (RCA) and other MAJOR recording and television stations force us to listen to (if we listen at all). It is time for the people to take back what is rightfully ours. If the government hopes to keep America for Americans, it will surely be wise for them to license LPR's to those interested in serving the local communities, not the pockets of the Congress and Senate, as well as corporations that do not care for anything but the bottom line.

If the FCC wants to talk to me, let them. My name and address are below.

John Blair  
2222 Buell Ct  
Spokane, WA 99205  
Nvr1969@aol.com

Thank you for addressing the needs of communities not corporations.

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Hi Phil,

It occurs to me that we haven't signed on "officially" yet, so make it Official

Lyn Gerry and Shawn Ewald  
Radio Clandestina  
Los Angeles  
redlyn@loop.com

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<http://www.radio4all.org>  
<http://www.radio4all.org/freepacifica>

Public PGP Block: <http://www.radio4all.org/pgp/>

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From: Linda Wolff <[lwolf@med.unc.edu](mailto:lwolf@med.unc.edu)>

I think microradio would be an interesting and wonderful addition to our community, as it would give non-corporate/commercial opportunities for local information, etc. Furthermore, younger people as well as the interested and even older adults would have the opportunity to get involved in forming local media and opinion. Thank you.

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Maura Partrick, Chapel Hill, NC

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Dear CDC folks -

Please add my husband's and my names as signatories to your comments to the FCC re LPRS.

Maryjane Stelmach Honner  
Richard D. Demorest  
Canton, Michigan  
[mjonhermusheen@voyager.net](mailto:mjonhermusheen@voyager.net)

P.S. You did a fantastic job on the comments! Thank you on behalf of us all.

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Richard Edmondson  
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San Francisco Liberation Radio  
<http://www.slip.net/~dove>  
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In 1992 The Excellent Center for Art and Culture was established in Grover Beach, California for the expressed purpose of celebrating human diversity through the use of the arts. From 1992 through 1995 a very successful series of shows took place, by many established artists and amateurs, which set out to address a variety of social issues. It became evident to folks at the Center that there were far more people with things to say than there was space to say them. At the same time we were noticing that across America this same situation existed. The lack of opportunity to express through socially accepted means was directly responsible for the rise in the use of violence and terrorism as a new means of expression. Most alarming of all to us was the recognition that our children and their sense of human nature had begun to change to the point we felt that

perhaps the future of humanity itself was at risk of extinction. This realization was the overriding urgency behind the creation of the multi-media art project entitled "The Father of Lies vs. The Mother of Invention (necessity)--Humanity@Risk", and the act of "civil disobedience" in the form of a Low Power FM station called Excellent Radio.

Nearly four years later the rise of violence in all sectors of our society has become painfully obvious to everyone. Children killing children doesn't require a specialist to recognize that fundamentally the results of our child rearing practices have veered away from our understanding of what's right and wrong. Has the overwhelming weight of the messages we get and give in life so distorted that we must come to accept the loss of humanness as an acceptable cost of doing business in our modern world? Or do we start to change that condition by allowing a vehicle for more nurturing information to be disseminated? The establishment of a Low Power FM (LPFM) system is the beginning of such a vehicle.

Excellent Radio broadcast for nearly three and a half years. During that time we learned that the most important product of any micro-power radio station is the overwhelmingly positive affect as seen in the raising of self-esteem and the sense of empowerment experienced by each community and its members. The ability to convey on a daily basis the values of a sane and functional society is the necessary first step to achieving a balanced information media. Without a balance the only information available to us is primarily designed for commercial usage. Commercial usage by its very nature tends to separate society by sex, age, race, and politics.

Excellent Radio would like to applaud the direction that the FCC is taking in establishing a Low Power FM system in the United States and at the same time would, due to the urgency of this society's health condition, ask that a "fast track" be taken on an interim basis to establish some LPFM stations as pioneers to reverse the cancerous direction our current system is creating. We believe that the employment of ( ET Docket No. 96-256 -Experimental Radio Rules Revised to Promote Innovations, New Services; Permit Schools to Hold Licenses - Jan 1,1999) would be a legal and proper way of overriding the currently contradictory regulations and political battles LPFM will no doubt be subjected to as the new system slowly goes into place. Much can be learned in this interim period and Micro-Power Radio is full of highly qualified hands-on experts willing to get involved for "the welfare of the community."

Excellent Radio would also hope the FCC will consider how valuable a community voice could be in the times of stress and fear which may visit the country during the Y2k changeover. The benefits of LPFM are obvious. Not utilizing LPFM would be dangerous.

Excellent Radio submits these suggestion in addition to our complete endorsement of the Microradio Empowerment Coalition/National Lawyers Guild/Committee on Democratic Communications comments in regards to the FCC's proposed rule, Docket 99-25.

Charles & Trish Goodman  
Excellent Radio - Staff & Volunteers  
Grover Beach, Ca. 93443 (805-481-9676)  
exradio@fix.net

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From: Ken Norton <kenen@earthlink.net>

I support the non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total. It is vital for the health of human groups, and now our planetary human family to engage in free speech, and micropower broadcasting for small community or neighborhood is a simple technological answer that deserves FCC approval.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth E. Norton

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This is to sign on in support of ALL the CDC points as stated in the summary portion of the proposal for Low Power Radio Service(MM99-25).

I'm in San Francisco, and the current Pacifica/KPFA situation is major news. Licensing of micro power stations would ideally preclude the current situation which allows the essential shutdown of the one easily available station for those of us looking for diverse viewpoints. It seems to be the best way to assure a community isn't suddenly searching all over to find necessary/important information that was available by simply "turning on the radio".

Terry Glover  
San Francisco, CA  
terryg@sirius.com

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I support non commercial Low Power FM (LPFM) radio. I believe that technological progress has put democratic communication, in the United States of America, at great risk of becoming a concept rather than the reality it was meant to be. Our government has sided with the wealthy corporate broadcasting machine ever since the broadcasting spectrum was mandated to be managed in the interest of the public. Community involvement communications needs a forum that isn't tied to a medium that is dependent on outside sources for funding, whereby the financiers become dictators of content. This of course can lead to fascism. Without taking away the unfair advantage for manipulating and controlling the public's point of view, non commercial LPFM offers the most affordable means for a community to begin the process of getting involved without the unfair influence of those who can afford "Free Speech," over the airwaves. The conducting of

public affairs for private advantage, has helped to create a toxic level of pollution in our environment and in our minds.

Our local communities need spectrum space, no matter how small, to have the opportunity to produce affordable local originated programming. Whether community or individual, the right of expression, even by those less fortunate, inspires civilized public discourse which can bring our communities together, insuring a better tomorrow.

I fully support the Microradio Empowerment Coalition/National Lawyers Guild/Committee on Democratic Communications comments in regards to the FCC's proposed rule, MM Docket 99-25.

Rick London  
Londonet@aol.com  
Excellent Radio  
Grover Beach, CA.

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Please add my name in support of the CDC PROPOSAL ON MM99-25 (MICRORADIO SERVICE).

Signed,

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Please formally add me as a signatory to the CDC's comments on the FCC's MicroRadio Proposal, MM99-25:

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La Canada, California, 91011-1912  
818-249-5044  
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I AM a "private" micro-radio broadcaster and am also currently "inactive" in support of Free Radio Berkeley's lead.

Thank-you,  
Dave

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Matt Stoner  
2017 E. Olive St.

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bmbtrck@execpc.com

In order to have a functional democracy, we must have an educated and informed public that has access to a wide variety of viewpoints. Presently the corporate media offers little to no alternative views and voices in their coverage. One of the best ways to offer these alternative views is through listener run and supported radio. I think that low power radio stations are a great way to provide stations like this. We must lift the ban upon them.

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The public airways once again need to be a forum for the voice of individuals, not solely corporations. I would like to sign on to the CDC's comments regarding the proposed FCC rule to allow microradio service.

James D. Gansemer  
4226 Glen Avenue  
Oakland, California 94611  
gansemer1@llnl.gov

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The evolution of the Communications spectrum to allow for the proliferation of low power community-based radio stations is essential to the democratic life of this country. Monopolization of the airwaves began long ago, but has increased in recent years, leaving many individuals and groups without a media outlet, particularly with radio, which, due to the inexpensiveness of low-power systems, could greatly benefit these individuals, groups, and overall, the public life of every community across the country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
John Gwinn  
Phillips Community Television  
Minneapolis, MN  
pctv@mtn.org

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Sirs:

Kindly include my signature to your proposal as follows:

James D. Brownback, President & CEO of the Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville Telegraph Company, America's oldest electronic communications corporation, founded in 1847

Many thanks for the opportunity.

Jim Brownback prptco@aol.com

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In July of 1999, the first Bay Area Alternative Media Conference was held in San Francisco. In the closing plenary to the conference, conference attendees unanimously agreed to support the current efforts of citizens around the U.S. to secure low power FM channels for non-profit, non-commercial microradio broadcasting.

We urge the FCC to take seriously its public interest obligations to promote access to the airwaves and the airing of diverse views and voices in U.S. communication systems. In the wake of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the U.S. public has witnessed tremendous consolidation and concentration of the media. While policies such as the 1996 Act may be profitable and efficient for an ever-shrinking number of media industry behemoths, they do nothing to promote opportunities for the broader public to speak and be heard.

The FCC must act to reserve spaces on all media for non-commercial communication. Low power FM channels would represent one of the few places U.S. citizens can go to speak within and across their communities and to exercise their right to free speech. The government has a compelling interest to ensure that the media provide citizens with actual opportunities to speak. If it fails to do so, our speech rights are meaningless and our democratic processes illegitimate.

Comments submitted by  
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on behalf of the  
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I will add my support for this effort.

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I support the statement of the Committee on Democratic Communications of the National Lawyers Guild concerning MM Docket Number 99-25.

As you are aware, the paragraphs about KPFA and Pacifica should be in the past and future tenses rather than the present; While you have been persecuting citizens who speak to their neighbors on micropower radio agents who have long histories with the CIA and FBI have been engaged in a COINTELPRO takeover of Pacifica Foundation and

the silencing of KPFA. Government spokespersons and the corporate media have fed us misinformation about a war that Clinton began and continued in defiance of Congress and the Constitution of the United States.

I hope the intent of your micropower proposal is not to block dissidents' access to all fragments of the FM band that have accidentally been left to the people; I hope it is not to obtain new allies who will have a financial interest in opposing the broadcast of independent political thought and uncensored political information; I hope your intent is not to keep the citizens ignorant, to facilitate overthrow of the Constitution.

I oppose any requirement that licenses for non-commercial low-power stations be restricted to nonprofit corporations; I have a reason in addition to those specified in the document to be filed by the Committee for Democratic Communications. The rules for nonprofit status would neuter the stations politically. There is no political-advocacy ban for commercial radio; there should be none for non-commercial stations.

Certainly some frequencies should be available for minority-owned businesses. These frequencies should be reclaimed from the media conglomerates; I hope any new commercial broadcasters will offer material less insulting to our intelligence than what is available now from commercial stations.

Do not bar from licenses the individuals whose dedication and genius created the micropower movement, and sell their frequencies. They have already caught the people's imagination as our defenders. The more you attack them, the more you discredit your claim to legitimate authority.

The airwaves cannot be sold. It is the right to self-expression over them that Congress and the FCC have, for money and favors, denied to most of their compatriots and reserved to a few corporations.

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In endorse the CDC comments and proposals.

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This correspondence is to signify my agreement with the comments of the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) in the FCC's Low Power FM rule making process.

I furthermore would like to add that a non-commercial low-power radio service has become an absolute imperative in an increasingly globalized economy. The shift toward an economic regime that undermines the political participation of local populations highlights the need for mechanisms of community involvement and communication. As the decision-making power of local communities becomes increasingly ancillary to the

dictates of non-democratically appointed regulatory bodies (WTO, GATT etc.), localities must have a means of re-asserting their democratic rights.

This is all the more essential given the fact of the monopolization of media in the hands of a tiny economic and cultural elite whom it is absurd to assume have the majority's interests in mind. In a world where vast centralizations of power have captured the mainstay of political and media power it is of critical importance to the future of our democracy to mandate a space that the rest of us - the majority of us - can use to communicate.

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Comments:

Low power micro radio is an essential tool to maintain democratic communication in the United States. Keeping low power micro radio non-commercial opens the opportunity for individuals and community organizations to serve and communicate with their community in a way that is technologically simple, inexpensive, and not labor intensive. Commercial mainstream radio does not serve in the public interest. Our communities need a means of maintaining localized communication, art and culture. . . our communities need non-commercial low power radio!

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Micro Radio will help THE PEOPLE share thoughts and ideas. This is what a real free society is all about. All that we really have on the airwaves now are big media and "entertainment" companies shoving THEIR thoughts and ideas down our throats.

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I would like to see regulations regarding LPFM since it would broaden the spectrum of local access media.

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Democratize the airwaves!

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