

RE: Low Power FM Radio

I would just like to briefly chime in on the Low Power FM Radio subject. As a middle school teacher who tries to evolve students into media literate thinkers, I can't stress enough how important it is to convince young people these days that they have a voice. When studying the power of mass media, I often hear students say, "Why bother learning how media is constructed? We can't produce it."

Having the power of producing and broadcasting meaningful media is extremely important to our youth today. The Internet has helped put this power in their hands, but not everyone has access to the Internet. The FCC would be very wise to do everything that it can to reduce the amount of commercialization and consolidation of mass media by taking steps such as opening up Low Power FM Radio licensing and even making new bandwidth available. Putting the power of radio broadcasting in reach of small groups from schools, churches, community groups, and clubs would be a step in the right direction. I hope to see meaningful community-based content on new 10-100 watt stations in the near future.