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**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	MM Docket No. 99-25
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Creation of a Low)	RM-9208
Power Radio Service)	RM-9242
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COMMENT OF
NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD,
COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRATIC COMMUNICATIONS
FILED ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND THE BELOW LISTED MICRO-
BROADCASTERS, CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS

SUPPLEMENT TO EXHIBIT A:

ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES

Please attach this list of additional signatories and their comments to Exhibit A of the Comments of the National Lawyers Guild, Committee on Democratic Communications which was originally filed on July 27, 1999.

Respectfully submitted by,

August 2, 1999

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I would like to voice my support of the movement to create a new class of FCC radio licenses for micropower radio stations. I believe that micropower radio stations would benefit the communities in which they operated. They would provide an alternate radio voice to the large radio stations that are often owned, operated and programmed from outside the community in which they operate. The micropower radio station would also provide a radio voice to communities that are not large enough to support a full powered radio station.

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Sirs:

The airwaves belong to the people, but corporate and other special interests have taken them over and have deprived the people of one of the principal benefits of communicating citizen-to-citizen within a local community--namely, by voice.

The average citizen does not, and cannot, have access to the major networks, and as the debacle at KPFA illustrates, the people are being locked out from the only station in the country broadcasting views contrary to those of the middle-range of opinion in this country.

The people have a right to use the airwaves free of commercial exploitation and of corporate censorship of views antithetical to their own. Please make every effort to authorize low-power transmissions for a community-based means of communication not yet available to the vast majority frozen out of the broad-spectrum bands.

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From: Greg Ruggiero <gregruggiero@earthlink.net>

Phil,

Please add my name and address as a signatory. I thought I had signed on long ago! Thanks

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Let our voice be heard. Please sign me on.

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Please add our organization to your list of signatories for MM Docket 99-25, Microradio bill: International Association of Theatrical Stagehands & Employees Local 107, Oakland CA.

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My organization supports legislation that would protect non-commercial Low Power Radio service with requirements that operators be local residents, provide significant local programming, and only operate one station total. We believe that the freedom of Low Power Radio services is a freedom of speech right and must be protected by the congress. Our organization is located in California.

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I support the CDC's comments on the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process.

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Please add the name of our organization to your list.

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NASRO a 30,000 member organization representing the economic and political interests of independent contractors, self-employed and non-profits.

I fully support the legalization and licensing of low-powered FM service in America. Available radio spectrum is currently dominated by business interests and allows for very little diversity of voices. The popularity of LPFM pioneers such as Free Radio Berkeley, Steal This Radio, Radio Limbo and many other microradio stations, has made clear the community desire for an alternative to corporate broadcasting. I believe that the new service should be 100% non-commercial and that power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas. Licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities and easy to apply for. The Federal Communications Commission should grant full amnesty for all broadcasters who have suffered government seizure and fines. The FCC should not diminish new low-power stations to "secondary status." The perfect models for LPFM service are the hundreds of stations which were silenced by FCC enforcement actions over the last year. If the free speech advocates who originally brought this subject into the public debate are not allowed back on the airwaves, then the Commission will have a media melee on its hands. Legalization of LPFM must not end up as a lower tier of already-existing commercial service. As a concerned listener and activist, I sincerely urge the FCC to adopt strictly non-commercial, locally-programmed, low-power FM service.

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Low Power FM radio, if available, is an excellent community resource. We ask that you restore its availability to the people and let us have the opportunity to utilize our public air waves in an independent, commercial-free method that is true to the American way.

Sincerely,

Eva Lyons
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To: The CDC/FCC continuum

This is to acknowledge my endorsement of the CDC proposals regarding LPFM. I have been a regular listener of a number of different micro-power stations over the years and am delighted with the diversity of programming and issues addressed that focus narrowly in my specific community. There is just no other broadcast outlet which is able to serve an innercity community so well.

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i hope this is the right method for adding my name to your list. personally, i can't stand commercial radio and want to see the FCC make the airwaves accessible to locally-owned and -programmed noncommercial broadcasts including labor unions, community groups, artists, etc.. please forward this message to the FCC. thank you.

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Please add our organization as a signer
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thanks
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My name is Allen MacNeil England. Address 826 W Summit Ave, Flagstaff, Az.

I agree with all of your positions and want my name added to your filing.

I am the Executive Director of Mountain Air Community Radio here in Flagstaff. A 501(c)3 organization raising the money to apply for a frequency here in Flagstaff to launch a local community radio station. We have been at this now for two years, maybe you can imagine how difficult it is for a grassroots organization in a town of 50,000 people to raise \$100,000 at a minimum. It's tough, but it's happening. However we have just been

slammed with the local NPR station taking yet another frequency for a translator and a national religious organization (Joy Broadcasting) which has filed for the last available frequency asking for and receiving yet another extension on their Construction Permit here, even though they can't seem to get anywhere with all the CPs they have around the country and regularly violate FCC rules.

To make matters worse for Flagstaff residents Guy Christianson, owner of Christianson Broadcasting here in Flagstaff has announced that even though he owns two stations here he is purchasing three others leaving the unfriendly NPR station, Christianson Broadcasting, and Rockwell something or which owns the only other two stations in the Flagstaff market controlling almost all of the frequencies allotted to Flagstaff. All of the other frequencies are controlled by stations from Phoenix 120 miles away and are being used as translators to get Phoenix radio into Flagstaff even though there is no community station here (or in Phoenix).

Again please attach my name to your comments and forward the enclosed concerns to the FCC.

Thank you.

Allen MacNeil England
In Peace. Organize!

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A community will evolve
only when the people control
their means of communication.
-- Frantz Fanon

I strongly support the establishment of microradio stations with non-commercial status.

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Please "sign me on" to your comments to the FCC on Microradio Stations as:

"Uncle" Don B. Fanning, Encino, CA

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TO FCC:

Please support locally based and locally controlled non-commercial community radio! It's crucial that the public is served through non-commercial LPFM radio. The legalization of LPFM is nothing less than the right to non-commercial free speech. As one who believes strongly in the public's legal right to better access to our public airwaves, I urge you to act to legalize non-commercial one-owner community based low power FM radio.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marsha Moore

Marsha <marsha@webbnet.com>

I would like to add my support of the Committee on Democratic Communications' comments on the FCC's consideration of the legalization of Low Power FM. I am signing on as an individual.

Steve Gilmartin

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Friends:

I hope we are not too late. I assume we are signing a list to go to the public comments list for the FCC Proposed Rulemaking.

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Thanks, Bob Brown, for FRA

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To those parties interested,

I am not a person with much technical experience. I do however believe that our 1st Amendment right of Free Speech should not be compromised for the benefit of any corporation, as has been traditionally the case! If the FCC were really concerned with the interests of the public, they would surely allow LPFM stations to serve their community as is the objective.

Sincerely,

Marco Cordova
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To whom it may concern,

I believe it is unfair for businesses to dictate what information and entertainment my community receives. I think we should be allowed to decide for ourselves what should be heard based on the interests and needs of the community, and not the profits and desires of companies.

A concerned listener,

Katherine S.
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I would like to see the legalization of Non commercial, one owner, community based low power FM radio. I believe that the public needs and deserves better access to our public airwaves than is currently the case.

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I would like to have added my name and comments in support of micro radio to the FCC, but I must be technologically disadvantaged. I couldn't connect.
Margaret Frings Keyes, 613 Wisconsin Street, SF 94107.
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To Whom It May Concern:

In the matter of MM Docket #99-25, Creation of a Low Power Radio Service, I wholly support the position of the Committee on Democratic Communications as submitted to the FCC in comments dated May 11, 1999. In establishing low power service, I believe the following issues to be paramount:

1. That low power service should be non-commercial. Duplicating and competing with existing commercial service, only at a more local level, does not serve the local community.

2. All effort should be made to ensure that low power radio ownership does not become concentrated into few hands such as has happened with our major media. Only one low power licenses should be issued to an operator, and only if the operator does not already possess a full power radio or TV license, or hold ownership interest in other mass media, and license should be granted only for the local area the operator resides in.
 3. Every effort should be made to increase bandwidth for low power radio, either through spectrum reallocation, relaxation of interference standards, or both.
- Thank-you for your consideration.

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I sure hope it is not too late to get my vote counted. Local, microradio is such an essential way to inform the community of what is going on in their neighborhoods. I strongly hope that the FCC considers to allow individuals to set up non-commercial, community-based low powered fm broadcasts. Please give people access to our public airways and show support for diversity in programing.

Thank you,
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Sign me on. Tonight's the first time I've looked at your web site, thanks to a flyer at the KPFA demo yesterday. I am very impressed with what you all are doing!
Stephen Bingham,
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To the FCC:

The airwaves belong to us so it is about time that we have non-commercial locally-based and locally-controlled community radio. With low-wattage there is the opportunity for infinitely more people to use, have access to, the airwaves. Real democracy means that frequencies should be distributed equitably without regard to who has the biggest bankroll. No one should be allowed to own multiple stations until everyone has been allowed to have at least one. With just about seven corporations owning almost everything we hear and see on the airwaves, at the very least we should have access to low-power, one per owner, community-based airwaves.

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To the FCC :

On behalf of Women Strike for Peace, a national organization founded almost 40 years ago, I wish to urge the FCC policy makers to recognize that the airwaves are the commons, a town meeting hall, and belong to the people on this planet. The airwaves do not belong to only the rich to broadcast their notions of thought and social control and manipulation by the gigantic broadcast media conglomerates. Control and access to the airwaves is the Free Speech battle of the 90's. Help this nation move in the direction of democracy by allowing low-power, low-watte, non-commercial radio.

Sincerely

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Greetings;

My name is Frank Narzemsky, I am an individual who lives in San Francisco. I agree with and sign on to the Comments (views and proposals) of the Committee on Democratic Communications (CDC) on MM99-25 in the FCC's Low Power FM rulemaking process.

The CONTROL of vast majority of the airwaves have been given to entities such as National Corporations who above ALL else seek to generate high profits. Local communities need to have a distinct voice of their own. A voice that is not prostituted to the highest corporate bidders. I implore the FCC to give local communities their own non-commercial chunk of the FM spectrum. I also encourage the FCC with great urgency to free up channel 6 television spectrum, which in most cases is laying idle. Make this spectrum FREELY available, and without licensing requirements, to local non-commercial Micropower broadcasters around the nation. If you give non-commercial micropower broadcasters a place on the spectrum that they can call home then you can insure that your precious corporate media moguls will go along their merry ways without transmission interference. The FCC has given away almost ALL of the peoples airwaves to corporate control, its time that they now give some to the PEOPLE. Remember the people? The eyes of the world are watching what the FCC decides to do on this issue.

Frank Narzemsky

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We support micro broadcasters who provide an alternative point of view to those expressed by profit making corporations who have a vested interest in the types of information the public receives.

Sue and John Morris

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I wholeheartedly support the legalization of microradio, which would be a step toward putting communications media in the hands of the people, as opposed to the current system, which has given over the airways almost entirely to commercial interests.

Thank you.

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Monday August 2nd. 1999

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FROM: Gabriel DeSmidt
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TO: The Committee of Democratic Communications
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my interest as well as many others to legalize non commercial low power FM radio stations known as LPFM stations access to the air waves. In the height of the KPFA strike and protest it has come to my attention there are very few non-corporate community radio stations. For any community a radio station which expresses local concern and activities can bring people together. It is essential for a country with free speech as a main concern that we have access to public air waves. With this in mind the low power band LPFM stations are what people need to be informed local events as well as national and international news.

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It has also come to my attention the corporate radio community has little interest in the issues of diversity which is a large concern for the Bay Area. The larger Fm stations have shown they are not going to reflect the diversity of the area for which we live. The time has arrived for each individual to have the opportunity to hear local concerns and programming for their community issues. Please Legalize one owner, non-commercial community based LPFM radio stations to operate and give people the possibility to hear and express local concern over the air waves.

Thank for you time spent on this issue.

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Sincerely, Gabriel DeSmidt

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I support micro radio. Please include me in the signup.

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