

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I support the legalization and licensing of low power FM radio. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to make the new LPFM service 100% non-commercial, locally-owned, and locally-programmed. Further, I strongly support the comments of the National Lawyers Guild Committee on Democratic Communications. The suggestions of the NLG/CDC, if adopted, would ensure that LPFM stations would serve the community interest and would be off limits for exploitation by businesses.

The enforcement actions of the FCC against hundreds of LPFM stations last year were shameful. The popularity of low power pioneers such as Free Radio Berkeley, Radio Limbo, Steal This Radio, and Freak Radio Santa Cruz has clearly demonstrated the public desire for an alternative to the commercial programming that currently floods the dial. The FCC should provide amnesty to all operators who have suffered fines and/or seizure.

I insist that the FCC craft a plan for allocating spectrum space which is simple and affordable for artists, activists, unions, and grass-roots groups to use. I am hopeful that the creation of a new class of low power FM radio service will soon become a reality, and that the airwaves will be more accessible to our local communities.

Sincerely,

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