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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service

MM Docket No.  
99-25

Dear Mr. Secretary:

**This is my official comment in opposition to the FCC proposal for a low power FM (LPFM) radio service.**

I am writing to you on behalf of Iroquois County Broadcasting Company, a family held corporation owning one FM and one AM station in Iroquois County, Illinois. We pride ourselves in on-site owner management, local news, weather, sports reporting service for scores of smaller communities, public service around the clock, emergency service for all serving bodies in our listening area, agricultural information, music, entertainment, the list goes on.....for nearly 40 years - same owner.

We provide many full and part time jobs for local people. In addition, we do our owner/manager job well so that employees are commissioned, bonused, fully covered for major medical/dental, long term and short term disability (income replacement), and a good retirement plan.

Under your proposal, the markets that could use micro radio for diverse voices (such as foreign language broadcasting) could receive no new service because there is no spectrum space. Thus, New York would receive NO new low power stations, Chicago a maximum of 4, and Detroit a maximum of 4. However, small market operations would literally be inundated with new competitors.

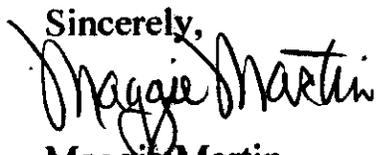
**Why punish the small market broadcaster? Across the country small town operators provide vital information and localism to our**

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**communities. Under the FCC proposal, our licenses would become meaningless and devalued. Our ability to offer localism would be severely compromised because of the resulting economic squeeze.**

**Please cease this current madness. Broadcasting and public service of radio stations would virtually end if this proposal were allowed to go forward.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Maggie Martin

President/General Manager  
WGFA-FM & WGFA-AM