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The Honorable William E. Kennard
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
425 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

On behalf of the KBPS Public Radio Foundation, I am writing about the FCC's proposed rule regarding Low Power FM (LPFM) radio stations (MM Docket No. 99-25). KBPS-FM is the only full-time classical music and fine arts radio station in northwest Oregon and southwest Washington.

We are strongly opposed to the proposed LPFM rule for the following reasons:

- 1) Hundreds of listeners in outlying areas are likely to lose our service, which broadcasts at 89.9, if LPFM signals are allowed to crowd the bottom end of the band. These outlying areas are particularly vulnerable to interference.
- 2) This is a mountainous state, which means that FM transmission can be tricky. We understand that the FCC has not undertaken studies to ascertain the effect of LPFM on existing service.
- 3) As you know, we are fast approaching a digital radio transmission standard. Introducing a new element such as LPFM into the spectrum before technical studies on this standard are completed would appear to be counter-productive.

The issue of Low Power FM is critical to the future of non-commercial radio. We hope you will give our views your utmost consideration.

Respectfully yours,

James Nelson
President, KBPS Public Radio Foundation

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