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Great pressure will be brought to bear to stop this effort for microradios without any true reason for doing so - except one: the fear that some profit will be lost. That cannot - should not - be a criteria for judging public access and the right to freedom of expression and speech. Your mission is to NOT safeguard commercial interests, even if such an action would threaten the existence of those commercial interests, which this act will certainly not do. Your mission is to safeguard freedom of expression, freedom of speech, and the right of citizens to use the resources of the public domain for those purposes, in this case, radio. Without public access for freedom of expression and speech, our governing doctrine of democracy and the capitalist economy are threatened. Diversity is what made the US prosper as a society. The fact that we can hear a different opinion - even when we don't want to, such as you may be wishing now - allows our nation to grapple with the most difficul!
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