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Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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I just wanted to commend you for the idea of microradio or, Low Power Radio.
I LOVE the idea. I used to be a pirate broadcaster. I was caught by the FCC when I was 18. I am now a "real" broadcaster...and have been a program director since age 25. My ONLY problem with microradio is that the FCC does not have the manpower to ensure that new microradio stations meet with FCC rules and regulations. It's too easy to buy a linear amp and have a 100 watt station running 1,000 watts or more.
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