

In support to the petition presented before the Federal Commission of Communications (FCC) are the signatures presented as evidence of the enormous need in our community to count on mass media like a valuable resource to respond to the expectations of development, in which education, culture, economic, population, family and environment values are concerned.

Of special interest, is to reference the importance of the role that the low power FM radio stations (LPFM) considering in a particular way, that some of these are owned and operated by minorities, in our particular case, Hispanic. If we take into account that this nation maintains effective and inalterable the principles of democracy, freedom of cults, expression of equal condition without making distinction of race, creed, sex, etc., the law considers us subject to such principles, it is our responsibility to make worth the means of practice and conformity in which the laws specifically demand.

The application of these norms, constitutionally protected and recognized by the federal government and the citizens of the United States and in which have rights and duties to fulfill, should not serve as a weapon of authoritarianism and arbitrariness for its fulfillment without before examining if the legal order has been harmed. In other words, if there is some political and/or financially powerful interests that wish to make prevail, their privileges of "Class" over which are in disadvantage, and which have demonstrated that its primary interest is the community well being and no exorbitant profits; then, Where is the principle to recognize the rights of the ones and of the others? And, if that wasn't so, Why the delay to legislate in favor of the creation of a LPFM broadcast service?

One might ask: Were all the legal instances exhausted and were all the circumstances conscientiously analyzed soon to order the cease broadcasting of more than a hundred FM low power radio stations? Doesn't this means that small communities are deprived by means of expression, vital for its autonomous development? Let us think, if the constitutional rules are not being violated? then with the closing of the radio stations one has deprived the audience of the right to obtain programs of high educative, Christian, cultural and values of diverse kind.

The presented petition before the Federal agency regulates the function of the media electronics communication -radio and television- we believe it has a fundamental objective, offering opportunities to individuals pertaining to minorities and to other sectors with limited financial resources to operate low power FM broadcast stations (LPFM) throughout the United States.

We trust that those thousands of radio stations of FM pertaining to people or local groups immersed in the problems of its own community and interested in the well-being of the same, are granted immediately the license to operate and transmit without restrictions.

Consequently, we give our total support to the petition and ask:

1. The creation of standard regulations to operate radio broadcasting (FM) stations of low frequency (LPFM) like a propitious opportunity now and in the future for small business and nonprofit organizations.
2. To grant the corresponding authorization so that they can transmit a minimum of "One thousand" Watts, without causing interference or detriment to other adjacent transmitters.
3. To grant the respective permission so that these radio stations are operated exclusively by groups or individuals that live within 50 miles of the cover area.

4. Grant amnesty to the stations which transmissions have been voluntary suspended, and have them return to the air without conditions of any source, other than the ones required by law.

5. We demand the grant of a license to the low power FM radio stations (LPFM) that operate in both "commercial" and "noncommercial" manner and not only to the "noncommercial".

We wish to clarify that we are not in favor of operating a radio station illegally, nor do we wish to violate the effective constitutional order. On the contrary, we realize that it is precisely and as a result of unjustified restrictions which the FCC imposes and the little interest to favor small proprietors of these stations, that a rise all the "Bogus" stations. By the same token, those who do not wish to violate the law remain, during prolonged periods awaiting the authorization that allows them to gain a space in the radial spectrum, even if they have complied with all the legal requirements, their efforts have been in vain.

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