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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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William E. Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to inform you of my support of proposed new class of radio station, the Low Power FM radio service.

I am behind this effort for many reasons, a few of which I will indicate here. Basically, after the passage of The Telecommunications Act of 1996, most of Denver's small, independently-owned radio stations were bought out by large national broadcasting corporations.

There are now more actual radio stations, but fewer distinct owners. In Denver, for example, the same company owns at least 6 radio stations. This has greatly reduced the diversity of music, news, and viewpoints. These new LPFM stations would provide a much-needed forum for currently ignored segments of the community.

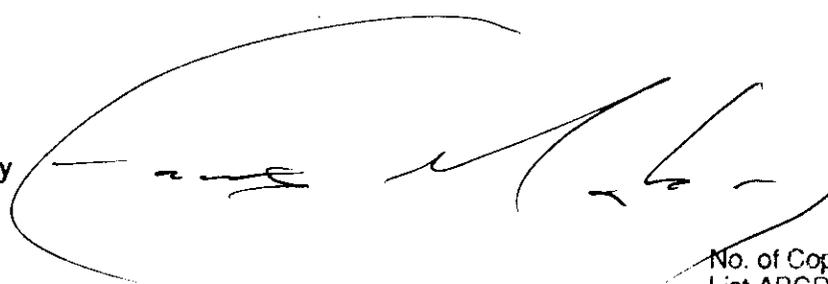
Further, with less competition and more consolidation, radio ownership has become extremely expensive and is out of reach for anyone but large corporations. Low-power FM would create new ownership opportunities for smaller, non-corporate, local entities, that could introduce all kinds of interesting non-formulaic programming.

For these, and other positive outcomes, I urge you to do what you can to approve this LPFM service. Please know that many people in Denver are eager to once again have a real voice in their communities.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

James Mabry



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