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Chairman William Kennard
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to you to voice my support of and request your support of the FCC's current proposed new Low Power FM (LPFM) Service. I feel that the creation of this new class of radio station would be beneficial to communities across the country and specifically in Denver for several reasons.

First, since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, when ownership restrictions were eased, there has been a growing trend in many markets of a few very large national media conglomerates purchasing numerous radio stations in the same market. In fact, in Denver, one such corporation owns eight different radio stations. This situation now is much like a monopoly. These few conglomerates have very homogeneous formats, reducing the consumers' choices, and they charge a very high price for advertising time.

I believe the commissioner of the FCC recognizes this negative state of affairs in the radio industry and is therefore considering authorizing these LPFM stations as a way to break the stranglehold that the large companies have on the airwaves and foster competition in this sector.

Further, these LPFM stations would create entrepreneurial opportunities for local people to start a broadcasting entity, which in turn would provide a lower cost radio advertising alternative, enabling local small independent business a chance to advertise where before they couldn't afford it. This would be very good for the economy in many ways.

Finally, low-power stations would address unmet needs for community appropriate programming and advertising. In the process, they would restore variety and innovation to radio.

For these reasons, I urge you to support the creation of the low-power class of radio station. Please let the Telecommunications Sub-Committee members know that people in Denver are very eager to see this LPFM Service approved, and once again have a voice on the radio in their communities. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner William E. Kennard
Federal Communications Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner William E. Kennard,

This letter is intended to express my strong support of the proposed legislation that would create **licensing for low-power FM radio**. The situation created thereby would be one of empowerment to the constitution: a forum for diverse voices and opinions will be enhanced. My support also includes the provision for low-cost advertising opportunities for local, small businesses, a provision that would be met by the licensing of low-power radio. Our city warmly welcomes a small alteration in state laws that would provide easier access for community participation and the proliferation of local voices.

Sincerely,

Jessica Dukes

