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

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to you to regarding the proposed new Low Power FM (LPFM) Service.

I have lived in Denver for the past 36 years. An independently-owned radio station, KTCL, was my favorite radio station, and a very important part of my radio enjoyment. I loved it because I could listen to the station all day and rarely hear the same song twice. Also, once a week, they had a show exclusively devoted to local bands, where I could listen to local talent and decide whether or not to go see their upcoming shows. Because they were independently-owned, they had the flexibility to provide all kinds of interesting programs.

Following the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, when KTCL was bought out by a large corporation, JACOR, everything at KTCL changed. A lot of the longtime DJ's were fired and replaced by out-of-town "radio personalities." Also, they started sticking to an obvious play list format, and thus started playing the same top songs over and over and over.

This same scenario has happened to other long-time Denver locally and independently owned radio stations. It has gotten to the point where I no longer listen to the radio at all. It seems now that the large national media corporations have a near monopoly on the airwaves. The listener has no real choice because of the lack of variety and original programming.

For these reasons, please continue your support in creating the Low Power class of radio station. Please let the Telecommunications Sub-Committee members know that the American people 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,

Michelle A. Prestien

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