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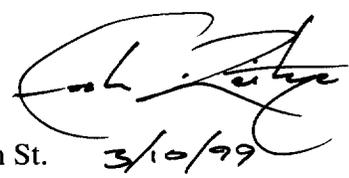
Dear Commissioner Kennard,

I am writing in support of the pending legislation that will enable the Federal Communications Commission to grant licenses to low-powered radio stations. I believe, for several reasons, that such local stations would be an invaluable asset to their respective communities.

First, granting licenses to these stations would provide a forum for individuals to get involved with political issues at a local level. The idea behind micro-radio is that it provides access to any citizen who wishes to have his or her voice heard. Second, modern cities are often divided into localized neighborhoods, and a large, corporate radio station might necessarily exclude and alienate certain communities simply due to the scope of their programming. Under the proposed legislation, anyone with the initiative could start a micro station that focused on localized issues or events. Third, micro stations could be used by small businesses for affordable airtime advertising, further strengthening the community. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, these stations could provide a much-needed vehicle for expressing diverse political opinions, a tenet which is critical to any functioning democracy.

In closing, I encourage you to support the creation of this class of radio, as I believe that it can only strengthen our cities and educate our citizens. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will act in support of this cause.

Sincerely,  
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