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MEMORANDUM FOR: FCC Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Low Power FM (LPFM) Radio Proposal, 99-25

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Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the introduction of LPFMs and the continuing deregulation of the monopolistic broadcast industry. I favor this momentous decision to foster the growth of small business in the United States.

I have read the National Association of Broadcasters' rebuttal to the FCC's Low Power FM proposal, and it conveys the traditional "big business" ideals which prevent somebody, like me, from entering into the market. Without even the submission a LPFM business plan, the NAB ignores the attributes and attempts to negate any benefits of smaller radio stations by suggesting interference will be prevalent. With a max radius of only 8.8 miles for a 1000 watt station, this argument seems ludicrous.

For generations, we the people have been unfairly subjected to the radio programming of clone-type stations, which convey (and embed) the music and/or ideals of mass media, and denies the choice of an alternate format which offers a diverse range of programming. Freedom of speech is therefore stifled. The only other option is to live completely *without* radio; an unrealistic alternative in our existence.

If there are markets to be served and individuals to benefit from the addition of LPFMs, it is to the advantage of all local communities to welcome this new service. Jobs will be created and economies will be boosted only if small business is encouraged to thrive. The NAB actually concluded it's rebuttal with the suggestion that *big business*, with their unlimited resources, be permitted to bid for LPFM licenses against smaller (ma-pop) companies, but this simply negates the whole intent of the FCC strategy. Only with the help of the FCC, and it's landmark 99-25 proposal denying access to large, established broadcasters, will the monopolistic industry of radio broadcasting be allowed to expand to include small, hometown businesses.

Thank you again for you attention. Copies of this letter will be forwarded to my representatives in the Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Kaczynski

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