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To the FCC (Regarding NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & # 95-25):

I urge you to adopt rules for licensing low power FM radio that prioritize the needs of under-served and under-financed communities. Your office has the power and the mandate to ensure that ordinary people can claim a piece of the pie that big corporations dominate and control. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, new low power FM regulations must include the following features:

1. Completely non-commercial service.
2. Locally owned, "one-per-customer" licensing.
3. Primarily local programming.
4. A quick, easy, and affordable application process.
5. A single class of low power stations broadcasting at less than or equal to 100 watts in urban areas and 250 watts in rural areas.
6. No secondary status for low power stations (ensuring that LPFM stations won't get bumped from their assigned frequency by high-powered, better-financed stations).
7. Amnesty and return of property for microbroadcasters who suffered government seizure of property and fines. These pioneers put this issue on the table and should be prioritized for new licenses.
8. Low power FM must be included in the future of digital radio.
9. Problems of any nature should be referred to the local, voluntary microradio organization for assistance or mediation (e.g., the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
10. If the FCC intends to license commercial low power FM stations, they should be given secondary status. Non-commercial stations should be prioritized and given a 2 year "headstart."

Sincerely,

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Despite the fact that this ~~an~~ form letter, I believe in it wholeheartedly. We, the public, need equal and fair access to public airwaves. The FCC needs to "encourage the larger and more effective use of radio in the public interest." Thank you

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ACTION ALERT

Radio for All!!! Speak Up Now!!!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS JUNE 1, 1999

(The FCC will accept comments after this date, but it is important to send as many comments as possible by this initial deadline)

Dear Supporter of Democratic Media:

By banning low power FM radio (LPFM) for the past 21 years, the FCC has disregarded their statutory obligation "to generally encourage the larger and more effective use of radio in the public interest." Due to public pressure and the efforts of microbroadcasters nationwide, the FCC has been forced to reconsider opening the FM dial to low power broadcasters.

If, however, the FCC allows commercial LPFM and the auction of licenses, under-served and under-represented community groups and their neighborhoods will lose miserably to other interests with deeper pockets. Democracy needs more non-commercial spaces, not more concession stands for the powerful.

Public outcry for non-commercial low power radio may be the only way to claim this potential victory. The FCC is taking comments on their proposal for new LPFM regulations until June 1st. This is a rare opportunity to pro-actively influence the status of our publicly-owned airwaves.

What You Can Do:

- Write or email the FCC demanding legalization of non-commercial, community-based LPFM (The address is on the back of this page; be sure to reference your comments to: NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & # 95-25).
- Sign and send in the letter on the back of this page
- Join the growing list of community groups and civic organizations who are endorsing our "formal" presentation to the FCC in June. Contact CPR and add your voice to those of the National Lawyers' Guild, FAIR, the California Green Party, and many others.
- Spread the word! We need your input and energy to educate others about the necessity for truly democratic media.
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