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Chairman William Kennard
 Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th St. S.W.
 Washington D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Kennard,

I am writing in response to the FCC's proposed rulemaking concerning the issuing of low-power FM licenses known as micro-radio. I am concerned that issuing these licenses will further disrupt the FM band, and cause serious interference on stations located in rural areas, such as ours.

As you know, even the best FM receiver will have interference from an adjacent channel, and with a small-power radio station such as ours, we are already fighting interference from the 100,000 watt giants.

With AM & FM licenses still available, and applications still pending, I can see no reason to license 'low-power' stations just to satisfy a group that wrongly believes they are being 'shut out' of the broadcasting industry. All minorities are represented fairly on our station, and we always respond to requests for free air time. Many times we have granted that free air time even though by rights, we should have been paid for it.

I strongly encourage the Commission to put this proposed rulemaking on hold, or drop it altogether.

Thanks for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Gabe".

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