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I urge you to support the legalization of micro radio.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has resulted in an unprecedented number of radio station mergers and buyouts, consolidating ownership into fewer and fewer hands. This bodes ill for our democracy.

Currently, there are several proposals before the Federal Communications Commission which seek to rescind the FCC's 1979 ban on the licensing of low power radio stations of under 100 watts. In addition, one of these proposals mandates that micro station owners live in the communities they serve, expressly forbidding absentee ownership. I believe that locally owned stations stand a much better chance of giving voice to community concerns, and help to give women and people of color a voice on the airwaves.

These rulemaking proposals are running into stiff opposition from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the professional lobbying arm of corporate-owned broadcast conglomerates, which has been stridently opposed to micro radio.

While the NAB cites signal interference as the reason for its opposition, there is little evidence that micro station signals interfere with commercial stations. What the NAB really fears is competition for listeners from community based stations that offer more than a bland diet of commercials, weather, traffic reports and market researched play lists.

I encourage you to support the legalization and licensing of micro radio stations up to 100 watts. This is a voice which the American people sorely need.

Sincerely,  
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Thank you for contacting the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

We appreciate your comments.

Your comments will be forwarded to Office of the Secretary to be included in Mass Media Docket No. 99-25.

Thank you for your e-mail.

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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 have dominated and controlled for years. 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, I urge you to legalize microradio with the following in mind:

1. This should be a completely non-commercial service. The current radio spectrum is dominated by commercial media. LPFM licenses should go to non-commercial community groups who want to use radio to communicate to the constituents and their neighbors, not to make a profit. It should always be free of the muting influence that pleasing advertisers it always carries with it.
2. Microradio licenses should be held locally, be non-transferable, affordable to all communities, easy to apply for and limited to one per license holder; they should NOT be businesses.
3. Power levels should be up to 100 watts in urban areas and up to 250 watts in rural areas.
4. No secondary status should be allowed, that is, microstations should not be subject to losing the frequencies just because someone wants to set up a more powerful station in the neighborhood.
5. Microbroadcast pioneers, who created this moment by courageously committing civil disobedience, in the tradition of Ghandi and Martin Luther King, and for their pains have suffered government seizure and fines should receive amnesty, have their property returned, and be prioritized for new licenses.
6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (as is done in the ham radio world). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
7. LPFM must be included in the future of digital radio.

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Thank you for your time and your consideration of these vital issues.

Sincerely,  
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