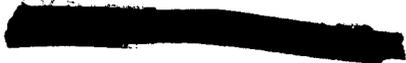




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Office of the Secretary  
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June 9, 1999

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

I find myself compelled to comment on your current item MM Docket 99-25. This is an issue that will prove to be an important decision for generations to come.

Briefly, the "air" is not free. It has become a source of immense profit. Today, you are unlikely to face docket items calling for an advertisement and profit-making-free radio airwaves. Indeed, you are never likely to be asked to vote on such a proposition.

But to deny community and small producers access to the very airways that we all own, in favor of further monopolization by the increasingly small number of big "players" in media.

We approach ever closer the day of Big Brother, but it will not likely be government (the lawyers and managers of tomorrow) but corporations (the owners) who will control the single message we will all hear.

I ask you to consider the world of our children and grandchildren instead of the immediate opportunities for corporate profits and lobbyists' enticements.

Licensing for micro-power stations is crucial for our ability to continue as a democracy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours,

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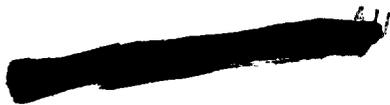
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Dear Sirs,

I understand that currently you're accepting input from regular people (as opposed to industry insiders) on the issue of micro-power radio, specifically as to whether it should be legal and licensed. As a regular person and as a supporter for more democratic, more accessible media, I want to say that I fully support any effort to make micro-power radio available. Its especially important to me as a person of color, since most of the media are white-owned. (I recently heard that your own statistics show that only 1.5% of the radio stations in this country are owned by people of color. If accurate that's disturbing.)

Thank you for accepting input, and please count my vote in favor of micro-power radio.

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Sincerely,  
Alonardo Figueroa