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The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Proposed Low-Power FM Licensing

I wanted to take this opportunity to convey my concerns about the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that the FCC has begun on issue of the low-power FM--also known as microradio.

I have always felt that one of the major functions of the FCC is to ensure that radio stations are allowed to broadcast their signal in an environment that is free (or virtually free) of interference. I am concerned that the FCC is now looking seriously at allowing low-power FM stations to broadcast in areas where interference will certainly become an issue.

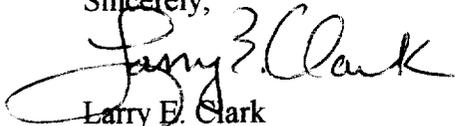
Additionally, I am concerned about the transition from analog to digital audio broadcasting. Stations such as ours have the opportunity to add a digital signal on top of our analog signal which will greatly improve broadcast clarity. The end result is better public service to our communities. If the FCC allows the addition of low-power stations to our market, we could be faced with a signal that receives interference before it reaches our listening audience.

I urge the FCC to reconsider this proposal. There needs to be considerably more research and study to determine if low-power stations are technically feasible and in the best interest of the public. I am asking that you and other commissioners not allow low-power stations until all technical issues are resolved and rules are adopted for digital audio broadcasting.

Listeners in our area depend on local stations such as ours for local news, weather, sports, weather and emergency bulletins and entertainment programming. To allow low-power stations on the air, could be placing stations such as ours "at risk" by establishing technically infeasible radio service that is not in the best interest of the American public.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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