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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street S.W.
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Re: MM Docket No. 99-25

As the owner of three small town radio stations in Montana, I would like to voice my objections to the proposed licensing of low power radio stations.

The impact on existing broadcasters would be enormous. Those of us trying to make a living in small communities are already fighting with other local stations. Letting low LPFM stations into the crowded market will be catastrophic. With signals so close that they already overlap if we're not careful, LPFM stations, who's owners know little or nothing about radio and the correct equipment necessary to run a legal station, will broadcast over those of us who are legally licensed.

Anyone who spends time listening to the radio dial understands that interference is a serious problem. If the FCC shoehorns hundreds, if not thousands, of radio stations into an already congested radio band, the only result will be more interference and less service to the listening public. The law of physics does not allow everyone who wants to own their own radio station to be allowed one.

The LPFM proposal is a reward to pirate broadcasters who have been violating the law. Regardless of whether an LPFM service is established, the pirate problem will still be around, perhaps getting worse.

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Where do you propose to come up with the resources necessary to regulate and enforce laws for LPFM stations? Will you increase the fee's the full power stations already pay?

How can an agency that is the "guardian of the spectrum" disregard the important technical issues in deciding to issue such a proposal?

It appears that the FCC is more concerned with licensing new stations so they can collect more fees, instead of protecting the already licensed stations.

Sincerely,

Edith Fransen

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Owner