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Re: NPRM #FCC 99-6, MM Docket #99-25 and #95-25:

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 concerns 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 comes with pleasing advertisers.
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 granted to 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 else 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. Perhaps organizations such as the KKK, which have been denied access to other public media due to their particular nature of espousing hatred, may be denied radio access on the same grounds.
6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to local voluntary micropower organizations for assistance or mediation (as is done in the ham radio world). Such a move would help serve the FCC in its deregulating and promote citizen participation in democracy. The FCC should be a forum of last resort.
7. LPFM must be included in the future of digital radio.

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

Sincerely,

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