

I believe that it is critically important that the micro-radio class be instantiated in as simple a form as humanly possible. At this time, technical requirements, legal fees, "type-accepted" equipment and more turn access to the airwaves from something that (in fact) should be possible for any single person with a few hundred dollars and a day to put up an antenna, to a morass that only commercial interests or large, well backed (financially) charitable or government interests can successfully navigate. I live in a very small community (5000 people) where there are two (awful) radio stations, both of which are controlled by non-local commercial interests. I contributed to a fund to bring in NPR (20% of the cost) to alleviate the situation at least a little bit, but after years of listening to the incredibly left-wing biased broadcasts of that outlet, I regret the day I did so. We are in dire need of alternative musical choices, news without bias, and stations that don't play "canned" material off of some satellite. The micropower option is the ONLY affordable one, assuming it is implemented without the veneer of beaurocratic costs and time wasting that has been the FCC's dependable hallmark of operations to date.

Please, this is a plea from an impoverished area: Let us at the airwaves we (supposedly) own! The FM band