

I am writing in regard to the FCC's order for proposed rule-making, proceeding 99-25 for the creation of a class of low power FM radio stations (LPFM).

I am in full support of the proposed rule and LPFM as it will provide new opportunities for community-oriented radio broadcasting, foster opportunities for new radio broadcast ownership and promote additional diversity in radio voices and program services. LPFM stations will provide a low-cost means of serving urban communities and neighborhoods, as well as populations living in smaller towns and communities without interference due to LPFM's inherent limited range. This will especially well serve minorities and special interest groups such as schools and churches.

I have read through many of the comments filed in opposition to the proposed rule and all have one thing in common. They want the FCC to protect them from competition. This was true in everything I read from the large communication corporations to the many public radio stations that filed in opposition. If community based, community operated, and community owned LPFM is that much of a threat then it is obvious that the commercial radio broadcasters are not meeting the community's needs.

It is not the job of the FCC to limit competition on the FM dial. It is to make sure that the FM spectrum, owned by the people, serves the people.