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

Dear Mr. Kennard,

I am a small independent broadcaster (a very rare breed in this day of consolidation) with 3 FM's and 1 AM in Montgomery, Alabama. I want you know that I object to and strongly oppose your proposed implementation of Low Power FM. My objection is based on two reasons which I believe will adversely affect all current broadcasters in the markets where you are currently proposing the addition of these Low Power FM's.

First of all, from a technical standpoint alone the addition of 33 low power fm's in the Montgomery market(that's the number of fm's you'll be creating here) will interfere and so adversely affect the existing radio stations currently in the market so that none of us (old or new) will have a listenable signal which for all practical purposes puts me out of business.

Second of all, there is simply not enough financial support here to sustain the operation of 33 new radio stations here in Montgomery. I am not convinced that the lending institutions would go on the hook to finance 33 new stations.

Sir, I 'm just asking you to look at this proposed rulemaking with common sense. As I am writing this I'm listening 96.1 FM here in my office. The signal is already having difficulty penetrating this building. With the addition of 33 more new stations I won't be able to listen to it at all.

Mr. Kennard this is my livelihood and this is where I enjoy a quality of life that enables me to be of service to others in this community through the radio business. Please don't put this burden on me or the community in which I live.

Sincerely yours,

MONTGOMERY BROADCAST PROPERTIES, LTD.


Al Strah
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