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The Honorable William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: MM Docket No. 99-25

Dear Sir:

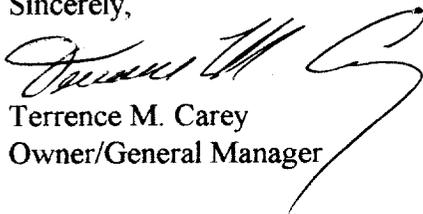
As owner and General Manager of these radio stations, I am deeply concerned about the FCC's proposed action with regard to low-power FM ("microradio"). I am concerned about the reduction in protections against interference that already is limiting the coverage area of many of the FM stations in the central Michigan area.

I am also concerned that while the intent of the Commission is honorable ("to provide the opportunity for women and minorities to achieve a voice"), that the reality is that women and minorities will not find these stations accessible. These licenses will still be subject to auction...and the highest bidders will not be lone females or minority members with a message. They will be experienced broadcasters backed by a broad investment base.

And finally, I am concerned about the financial well-being of those of us in small markets, who are barely taking home a big enough piece of the pie to keep our stations afloat now. Dilution of the airwaves with new stations will surely harm small stations trying to compete with the conglomerates, and will also not provide opportunity for the new stations to enter the market and achieve equity. The only ones making money off of this new opportunity will be bankruptcy attorneys.

I appreciate your careful consideration of the probable actual effects of this new direction in broadcasting, as I appreciate the effort you are making to make the field of broadcasting one that will lead the country into the next century at the forefront of efforts to expand diversity and communications opportunities.

Sincerely,


Terrence M. Carey
Owner/General Manager

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