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Dear Sirs:

I am currently part owner in two FM stations licensed to Omro and Kaukauna, Wisconsin. I have been in radio broadcasting for the past twenty-five years. I am opposed to the low power FM proposals now being considered by the FCC.

I feel this way for three reasons. First, low power FM will cause interference to existing radio stations. I believe to establish lower power service the FCC will have to drastically change existing protection standards. This will result in increased interference to existing signals and a loss of clear service to our listeners.

Second, FCC docket 80-90 has produced too many radio stations in the market place and this has led to consolidation of radio stations which has dramatically impacted our market. I believe lower power FM will lead the Commission down this same path of having too many stations in the market and even more consolidation in the future.

Third, the Commission does not have the resources to handle the administrative nightmare that low power FM will create. Low power FM will force the FCC to provide extra assistance to applicants and this will be time consuming. Additionally, there will be increased regulatory and enforcement burdens for newly licensed low power FM stations and unlicensed pirate radio stations that refuse or are unable to obtain licences to continue broadcasting.

Thank you in advance for stopping low power FM stations from becoming a reality.

Sincerely,

Paul Vidmar

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