

As a citizen and former engineer in the broadcast industry, I fully support and would urge the Commission to adopt the rules proposed in 99-25 creating a low-power FM radio service.

With the relaxation of ownership rules and the resulting consolidation of control of high-power FM stations, it is becoming more and more difficult for local-interest organizations, non-profit groups, or interested and eligible citizens to serve the public interest via the use of the public airwaves. Frequently, open discussion, open access, and participation in the affairs of our towns, counties, and states are taking a back seat to the financial imperatives of the broadcasting conglomerates. This has to change.

Establishment of a low-power FM service would return to the citizens the power to regain control over the dissemination of information and personalize that control.

Reasonable rules established to ensure technical control, that do not raise the cost of entry and access to this service must be a part of this rulemaking so as to not prohibit the generous and wide establishment of service in all areas of the US.

I expect that the usual suspects with a vested interest in maintaining their de-facto control over the PUBLIC airwaves will object strenuously to this rulemaking. I would respectfully request that the Commission consider the vested interest of the public, versus the lobbying groups, media conglomerates, and others with axes to grind, in establishing this service.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan D. Boyle  
North Brunswick, NJ