

I strongly support the formation of a network of LPFM stations in the United States. The media in this country is failing to live up to the implied contract with the People as intended in the First Amendment primarily because of consolidation. It is imperative that our Republic remedy this situation and augment the flow of information so necessary to the preservation of our freedom.

I would also ask that the Commission prohibit anyone who currently is licensed in the broadcast industry from participating as a principle in any LPFM effort, not only financially, but otherwise as well.

Further, I would ask the FCC to consider taking various properties using eminent domain to expand the ownership of TV/Radio stations in each region of the country. The taking could be by lottery from the consolidated stations. This is legal, there is a need, and I think the discussion of LPFM has already been an indication that the public would strongly support such an effort.

Sincerely,

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