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**Congress of the United States**  
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October 14, 1999

The Honorable William Kennard  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you and your fellow commissioners review responses to your Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on low-power FM (LPFM), I want to commend your attention to a study filed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB).

Based on testing conducted on current radios, the NAB concludes that low-power FM service would cause significant pockets of interference in both large and medium markets. It is my understanding that research conducted by the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association supports the findings of the NAB. Before the FCC proceeds with LPFM, I think you should address these findings and dispose of them decisively. As you await other comments, the commission should give close consideration to the comments already filed by the NAB.

I also hope that before the FCC takes any action on low-power radio, you will report to Congress your own analysis of these filings and explain how the FCC would implement LPFM service without causing interference to existing radio stations.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and to these particular studies on low-power FM service.

Respectfully,

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