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Re: MM Docket 99-25
Low Power FM Radio Service

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in registering my comments regarding the proposed creation/expansion of Low Power FM radio stations. I am currently a graduate student in Media Studies at California State University at Los Angeles, and have a large interest in the present and future happenings with regard to that field. As more and more corporations control more and more media outlets from newspaper to television to film, I fear the general public has fewer choices and access to fewer voices and opinions. In a democracy, that should be a frightening sign that changes need to be made. And, hand in hand with the ever-merging units in media, not only are the voices becoming more unidirectional, but are coming from a greater distance. With the exception of small, local newspapers, there is little to no focus on a community level. Radio is structured to serve precisely that small market. With a three-mile radius, a low-power radio station would fill that void, allowing community members to speak to one another about what is important to their neighborhood. There are more than enough of the larger ones filling the need of the greater markets.

If this service goes into effect, the FCC will be continuing to do what it was created to do in the first place: increase and diversify the communication access for the people of this country. Opening this access up to smaller community groups will both unify these groups as well as give them an outlet for their voices, their businesses, their concerns, their arts. Please consider the good that this measure will do if implemented.

Sincerely,



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