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FCC Commissioner Ness 202-418-2100 / fax 202-418-2821  
The Portals II Building  
TW-A325, 445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Regarding: FCC January 20th Vote On LPFM, MM Docket No. 99-25**

**Dear Commissioner Ness:**

I support Low Power FM (LPFM) as outlined in the FCC's NPRM, docket MM 99-25.

It has come to my attention that the FCC intends to vote at its Jan 20th meeting to severely cut the (NPRM) proposal providing for only non-commercial stations with a maximum power of 100 watts (severely limiting coverage to only 3.5 miles instead of 9 miles for 1 kW).

To place such severe limits on LPFM would doom the service before it begins, making it impossible to obtain enough financial support. What reason can the FCC give for not permitting LPFM stations at 1000 watts, other than to protect NAB member stations from competition?

The public has overwhelmingly spoken on this matter by the thousands. To ignore the public and cave to political pressure from the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is a disgrace. Use of anti-competitive actions by the NAB should be investigated by the Justice Department.

The NAB tried to cause confusion on this issue by claiming that the new LPFM stations would cause interference to existing stations. A receiver study conducted by the FCC proved this to be incorrect. The NAB raised this smokescreen issue to attempt to conceal its real dislike for LPFM, the fact that it does not want competition for listeners or advertising revenues for its member stations. The FCC cannot prevent competition and is supposed to promote competition.

**I hope the FCC will vote for LPFM in its full form as proposed in the NPRM to allow, for the first time, people of limited financial means to have a voice in broadcasting in America.**

Respectfully,

Mike Hoyer - President  
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