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To

Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: LPFM
January 11, 2000

Dear Commissioner Harold Furchtgott-Roth

I am a great supporter of Low Power FM Radio Service and have been closely following the LPFM movement for the past ten years.

I am compelled to write to you this fax-letter because recently and while researching on the Topic, it came to my attention that the FCC intends to vote at it's January 20th 2000 meeting on the future of LPFM.

For several years, the opponents of LPFM have been trying to block it's creation using all kinds of excuses and making false claims trying to shift the attention off the actual reason for their disapproval.

Bellow are some LPFM related subjects and opinions that I like to share with you.

1 - commercial verses non commercial LPFM

As a corporate accountant and business consultant, I know financially what it takes to operate even a very small station. Preventing LPFM stations from selling advertising time will place a severe financial burden on them and will jeopardize their existence.

2 - interference to other FM stations

The NAB's argument that signals from LPFM stations will cause interference to excising stations, is nothing but smokescreen to conceal it's real dislike and disapproval for LPFM.

3 - consideration for 2nd & 3rd adjacent channel

Presently, there are many full powered licensed stations operating on 2nd & 3rd adjacent channels (grandfathered short-spaced stations) with no interference complaints. Why LPFM stations should be treated differently. 2nd & 3rd channel protection should be dropped for LPFM or else major market cities where the new service is more needed, will not have any LPFM station.

4 - ownership

Presently, large media corporations that are owned by shareholders own most of the radio & TV stations. Operators of such stations who are employees of these corporations, are first loyal to their corporate shareholders and than to their listeners. They care more about guaranteeing profits to their shareholders than listener satisfaction.

5 - local coverage

I always had difficulty understanding and accepting the fact that existing stations should serve and are serving their communities. Which community we are talking about when most stations have signals covering several counties, cities, towns, localities and communities. To which of these geographical areas these stations are or should be loyal to? Can someone be nice enough to tell me? LPFM stations can be great tools to broadcast and communicate to their immediate surroundings.

Conclusion

I kindly urge you to:

Vote yes on LPFM.

Vote yes on commercial LPFM.

Vote no on 2nd & 3rd adjacent channel protection for LPFM.



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