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Commissioner Furtchgott-Roth
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Dear Commissioner Furtchgott-Roth,

Your immediate attention to this letter is desperately needed. On January 20th the FCC is scheduled to vote on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking docket MM99-25 which calls for creation of 1000 watt and 100 watt commercial and non-commercial Low Power FM Radio stations nationwide.

I am a SUPPORTER of creation of LPFM stations as proposed but it has been brought to my attention that the FCC intends to severely gut this proposal by providing for only non-commercial stations with 100 watts only and not allowing 1000 watt or commercial stations.

We cannot and should not allow this to happen as it will doom this service before it even begins. By not being able to sell commercial airtime these stations would not be able to obtain enough financial support to succeed. 100 watt stations would only cover a 3.5 mile radius while 1000 watt stations could cover 9 miles in area. As you can see these would be great reductions.

These proposed LPFM stations would allow local small business to advertise and promote themselves in ways many can't do today with the larger stations and their high costs. It would also give voice to many local artists that otherwise can't be heard. It is most important that you help us support the NPRM as originally presented and not allow these reductions to happen.

The FCC is bowing to pressure from the National Association of Broadcasters who claim that these stations would cause interference with existing stations. A receiver test conducted by the FCC itself has already proven this point to be incorrect. The NAB is just trying to protect its current members and I feel this could violate some rules of the Small Business Administration. The efforts of the NAB are just a smokescreen. This needs to be addressed.

Please help us support this critical issue by letting the FCC know of your concerns in what they are about to do. Time is of the utmost importance as this vote is to take place on January 20th. I thank you for your support for commercial and 1000 watt LPFM radio service.

Sincerely,



D. Steve Gordon

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