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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communication Commission,
Washington, D. C., 20554

RE: Low Power FM Radio Docket 99-25

I have been reading news stories for over a year about the Chairmans plan to create new low power FM radio stations.

I am a novice at dealing with a federal commission so I inquired of my congressional representative for advice. Her office gave me the proper address for further information.

I am a retired Senior Citizen with more time on my hands than I know what to do with. I have had an interest in radio broadcastingsince my high school days before World War II. With the present day character of radio (both AM and FM) there is a lot to be desired.

There is a need in the broadcasting field, and that need can be filled by producing radio with Class, radio with Dignity, radio with Intelligence. There is also a need for Community broadcasting - if commercial, it would give local business affordable advertising right in their own area. If non-commercial, it would offer a vast new opportunity for programming and education. I would not necessarily go into this for monetary gain but to try to produce entertaining radio.

With the help of retired seniors as myself and automation equipment we could produce programming on a low budget.

Right now there is a "vast wasteland" of "cookie-cutter" stations

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on radio and the larger companies are buying up more and more stations which drastically reduces the chance for independents to program to the portion of the public that has been forgotten.

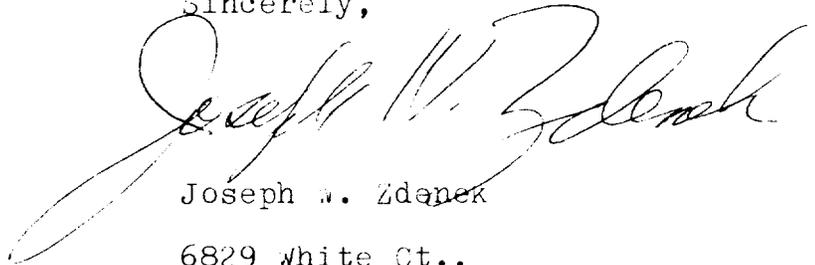
So many people that I know have stopped listening to radio and instead have purchased CD's and cassetts of what they like to listen to in their home and cars.

I know we could make a difference in the low power field as long as we were given the guidance of the commission. There needs to be another voice, another sound.

Whatever would be available, 10 watts, 100 watts or 1000 watts, the purpose would be the same.

We would greatly appreciate information about this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Zdenek". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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