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President Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express Real Art Ways' support for the FCC's new Low-Power FM ruling and to urge you to veto any attempts by Congress to delay or water down the implementation of that ruling. I am pleased that you do not support the recently passed House bill. Please continue to stand behind the FCC decision to create this long-overdue Low-Power FM service.

We believe that Low-Power FM has much to offer our community in Hartford as well as other communities throughout the state -- so much so, in fact, that Real Art Ways is currently working with other community organizations to apply for a Low-Power FM license that would provide media access to voices that have increasingly been excluded from our publicly owned airwaves. This summer, we will begin to train high school students in the art of digital audio production and journalism, in preparation for putting their work on the air and on the Internet.

Our plans also include training senior citizens, teenage parents, and members of the various cultural groups that make Hartford a vibrant community. We are convinced that Low-Power FM, rather than being seen as a threat to the established media networks, should, instead, be recognized for its potential as a facilitator of democratic discourse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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