

Act now to save America's last chance for local radio.

The National Association of Broadcasters spends over \$5 million a year lobbying and hands out more than \$1,000 a day to federal candidates.

So when it decided to squelch an FCC plan that lets schools, churches, and civic groups serve neighborhoods with low-power FM stations, unsurprisingly, it won the vote in the House.

The New York Times called the vote "regrettable." *The Washington Post* said it was "a bad idea." *The Los Angeles Times* rushed to defend the FCC, which "works for the American people, not just powerful Washington lobbyists..."

The broadcast lobbyists want to keep broadcasting in the hands of a few corporations. Which means that all radio, once the most diverse and local of mediums, sounds the same everywhere. They also want to weaken the FCC and win final say on how America's airwaves, a priceless *public* resource, are allo-



"Low-power for the public"

Low-power FM stations are 10- or 100-watts (compared to 100,000 watt commercial stations) with a range of a few miles. Only community non-profit groups (churches, schools, and others with an educational purpose in a specific geographic area) will be eligible for licenses. Low cost, low-power FM is the last chance for radio to return to its truly local, community-service roots. The FCC was to begin licensing in May until the NAB tried to overturn the plan in Congress.

The NAB's Deceptive CD

In an attempt to pressure Congress, the National Association of Broadcasters fabricated a compact disk simulating interference it claimed low-power FM stations would cause. The FCC itself has denounced the NAB's simulation as "misleading disinformation." Independent analysis has found the NAB's technical case against low-power radio "invalid."



cated in the future. This gives big broadcasters even more power and profits than they had before.

But democracy doesn't mean that the richest, loudest voice wins. Not every time. Not this time.

Low-power radio can still be saved by the Senate. And it will be,

if your Senators learn that you've joined thousands of other Americans to support *truly local, non-commercial radio* on a human scale.

Mail the coupons below immediately. You can get your Senators' e-mail addresses at lcweb.loc.gov/global/legislative/email.html.

President Clinton
The White House
Washington D.C. 20502

You've promised to oppose any bill that prevents the public from reserving some small part of the airwaves to serve the public good. Senate Bill 2068 – no matter how it's amended – spells the end for truly local, non-commercial radio. Don't let it past your desk. Please use your veto.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Senator _____
U.S. Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The House voted to weaken the FCC and kill Low-Power Radio. I urge you to defeat S. 2068 when it comes up in the Senate. Do we really want to concentrate all media power in the hands of a few corporations? Democracy will be stronger if these truly local, non-commercial stations go on air.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20515

The broadcast lobby rushed their low power radio ban through the House before the thousands of community, religious, labor and educational supporters of non-commercial low power radio could respond. If there is another vote on the low power radio ban (House-Senate conference bill S. 2068), please vote NO! We can't allow the NAB to kill noncommercial community radio and monopolize the nation's airwaves.

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