

THE AMHERST ALLIANCE (www.amherstalliance.org) says:

“CONGRESS’ RECESS = YOUR OPPORTUNITY”

From Monday, April 12 through Saturday, April 17, most Congressional legislators will be *back home* for the Easter Recess.

A. Call the local office that is nearest to you and arrange to *meet with Congressional legislators* while they are home. You can find your Representative’s local office address(es) and phone number(s) by looking up his or her Web Site on www.house.gov ... The same information about your two U.S. Senators can be found through www.senate.gov

OR

B. Contact *the Washington offices* of your Representative and Senators. While the legislators are back home, their Washington staffs are less busy and have more time than usual to consider your calls and/or letters.

However: Don’t send letters to Capitol Hill via regular mail. With the post-9/11 security screenings, letters may never arrive. Either send letters by regular mail, *C/O* your legislator’s *local* office address, OR send your letter to Washington by USPS Express Mail (\$4.00 per envelope).

SUGGESTED REQUESTS TO MAKE

1. MEDIA CROSS-OWNERSHIP CAPS: Vote to include in any “anti-indecency” legislation language to override, or delay for at least 1 year, the FCC’s June 2003 decision to raise the previous ceilings. **THIS VOTE IS EXPECTED BEFORE THE END OF APRIL.**

2. EXPANSION OF LOW POWER FM: In keeping with the MITRE Report’s finding that LPFM poses no interference problem, sponsor or support legislation to repeal the current ban on 2nd adjacent channel spacing for LPFM stations. **Also support legislation to require Primary Service Status for all LPFM stations -- so that they cannot be “bumped” by new or relocating full power stations or by out-of-town, satellite-fed translator stations.**

3. STARTUP OF LOW POWER AM: Sponsor or support legislation directing the FCC to initiate a new LPAM Radio Service. **Also support legislation to allow Low Power Radio stations, at least on the AM Band, to air commercials without becoming subject to mandatory license auctions.**