

**LAUNCH A "ONE-TWO-THREE PUNCH"
FOR LOW POWER RADIO!!!!**

**Support McCain/Leahy Legislation In Congress
To Expand Low Power FM**

THE AMHERST ALLIANCE was founded on September 17, 1998, at a meeting in Amherst, Massachusetts. As a Net-based, nationwide citizens' advocacy group, it supports Low Power Radio in particular and media reform in general. Its current President is Don Schellhardt, Esquire (pioneerpath@earthlink.net)

The group maintains a Web Site at www.amherstalliance.org and can also be reached by snail mail at P.O. Box 186, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410.

Amherst urges all friends of media freedom to act to expand Low Power Radio through *contact with Congress* during the summer of 2004.

We ask you to *actively support S. 2505*, introduced on June 4 by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-AZ, and Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Minority Member Patrick Leahy, D-VT.

If enacted, the bill will remove the channel spacing restrictions that Congress imposed on Low Power FM radio stations -- during a "lame duck" Session in December of 2000. This will permit hundreds, or even thousands, of additional Low Power FM stations to go "On The Air", *especially* in the larger metropolitan areas where the Congressional ban on second adjacent channel spacing has excluded them almost totally.

Whether the bill is enacted depends, in large part, upon YOU.

Today, the scheduled adjournment date of Congress -- October 1, 2004 -- is only 3 months away. Further, Congressional legislators will spend 6 weeks of those 3 months -- that is, the August Recess -- "back home" and at one of the 2 political party Conventions.

Nevertheless, there is still time to move S. 2505 forward -- if enough concerned Americans are willing to *make their voices heard on Capitol Hill*.

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THE AMHERST ALLIANCE asks all concerned Americans to LAUNCH A "ONE-TWO-THREE PUNCH", consciously timed to take advantage of the Congressional planning cycle:

ONE -- Between Tuesday, July 6 and Saturday, July 26, while Congress is at work in Washington:

FAX AND/OR E-MAIL YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

TWO -- Between Sunday, July 27 and Tuesday, September 6, while Congressional legislators are back in their home States for the 6-week August Recess:

MEET WITH YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN PERSON. CALL THEIR

NEAREST LOCAL OFFICES TO SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS.

THREE -- Between Tuesday, September 7 and the date Congress adjourns (currently scheduled for Friday, October 1, but subject to change), while Congress is again at work in Washington:

SEND A FOLLOWUP FAX AND/OR E-MAIL MESSAGE TO ASK WHAT THEY'VE DONE.

ASK YOUR U.S. SENATORS

(A) To co-sponsor S. 2505.

(B) To press for *Committee Hearings* on S. 2505
-- By contacting Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-AZ, and/or the Committee's Ranking Minority Member, Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, D-SC.

ASK YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

To introduce a House version of S. 2505.

To press for *Committee Hearings* on that bill
-- By contacting House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton, R-TX, and/or the Committee's Ranking Minority Member, John Dingell, D-MI.

****** A SPECIAL PLEA TO ARIZONANS AND VERMONTERS ******

The 2 primary sponsors of S. 2505, Senator John McCain, R-AZ, and Senator Patrick Leahy, D-VT, represent YOU.

The Senators need to be thanked by YOU, as a constituent, for introducing the bill. At the same time, they need to be encouraged to *take further action to move the bill forward.*

(A) SENATOR McCAIN, as Chairman of the Committee which has jurisdiction over this legislation, can hold Committee Hearings on it whenever he chooses. If you live in ARIZONA, you need to ask him to do that -- bearing in mind that the bill must generally be the subject of Hearings before it can be sent to the Senate floor.

If you live in VERMONT, you need to ask SENATOR LEAHY to urge his S. 2505 partner to *use the authority he has* to spur action by his own Committee.

(B) SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL, D-WA, is so far the only Senator to join Senators McCain and Leahy on S. 2505. However: The bill should be popular enough to have MANY more than 3 Senators on it!! If you live in ARIZONA or VERMONT, urge Senators McCain and Leahy to *send out a "Dear Colleague" letter* if they have not done so already.

A "Dear Colleague" letter is a standard technique by which the sponsors of a bill send a letter to their Congressional colleagues -- in this case, the 97 Senators who have *not* signed up for S. 2505 -- and ask them to sign on as co-sponsors of the bill.

**** IMPORTANT NOTE ****

While it is crucial for concerned citizens to make their voices heard in support of S. 2505, THE AMHERST ALLIANCE *also* supports action, by either Congress or the FCC, to:

1. Establish PRIMARY SERVICE STATUS for all Low Power FM radio stations, whether LP100 or LP10, and for all Class D educational radio stations (run by students at high schools and other educational institutions) -- thereby protecting all of these stations from being "bumped" by Clear Channel Communications, National Public Radio or any other Big Media
2. Establish a new, TERTIARY Service Status for satellite-fed translator stations (aka "satellators") and other "long distance" translators -- allowing these translators to be "bumped" by Low Power FM stations, Class D stations or *truly local* translators
3. Establish a new, LOW POWER AM Radio Service, with Primary Service Status and the right to air commercials without being subject to mandatory license auctions
4. Block permanent authorization of broadcasts using iBiquity's IN BAND ON CHANNEL (IBOC) DIGITAL RADIO, and block any authorization of AM IBOC broadcasts at night, until and unless alternatives to iBiquity's IBOC technology -- notably including the CAM-D Digital Radio technology, developed by KAHN

COMMUNICATIONS of New York -- have been fully tested and evaluated by the Federal Communications Commission

Information on how to contact your U.S. Representative can be found by visiting his or her Web Site, which is reachable through www.house.gov -- and information on contacting your 2 U.S. Senators can be found by looking up their Web Sites on www.senate.gov

These legislators' *local offices* should also be listed in your local phone book.

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CAUTION:
Beware Of Sending "Snail Mail" To Washington

Please do not make the mistake of sending a letter to Capitol Hill by regular U.S. Postal Service mail. Since 9/11, and subsequent events, security screenings on Capitol Hill, and also at Federal agencies, have delayed incoming "snail mail" letters by several weeks (when and if they are delivered at all).

Therefore, if you wish to contact the Washington office of your Representative or Senators, please choose one of the following options:

- (1) Fax;
 - (2) E-Mail;
 - (3) Regular USPS mail, addressed *C/O* your legislator's *local* office (which will add 2 or 4 days to the normal delivery time);
- OR
- (4) USPS Priority Mail to Capitol Hill (with 2-day delivery for around \$4.00 per envelope)

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You MAY Have More Clout Than Other Voters!!

You have special clout -- and, with it, special responsibility -- *if* you live in an area which is represented by a Member of the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee (and, especially, of that Committee's Subcommittee on Communications) *and/or* by a Member of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce (and, especially, of that Committee's Subcommittee on Telecommunications & The Internet).

The Memberships of these bodies, plus the names of key leaders of the House and the Senate as a whole, are listed below.

Chart I lists the most important U.S. Senators to contact -- while *Chart II* lists the most important Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

If one of the people on these lists represents *you*, then *you* have more clout on this issue than most other voters do.

Chart III lists those U.S. Senators who have *already co-sponsored S. 2505*. So far: There are only 3 of them. We need to get a lot more.

If one of the people on this third list represents you, *please be sure to thank him or her for supporting S. 2505!!*

**I. THE MOST IMPORTANT U.S. SENATORS
TO ENLIST IN THE BATTLE
TO EXPAND LOW POWER FM RADIO**

LOBBYING GOALS IN THE SENATE THIS SUMMER:

**(A) Recruit as many U.S. Senators as possible
to co-sponsor S. 2505.**

**(B) Recruit as many U.S. Senators as possible
to press for *Hearings* in the Senate Commerce Committee.**

REPUBLICANS = Current Majority Party
DEMOCRATS = Current Minority Party

*** This Senator is already a sponsor or co-sponsor of S. 2505.**

TOP SENATE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Seats To Be Filled In The 2004 Election

Tom Daschle, D-SD
Minority Leader

Harry Reid, D-NV
Assistant Minority Leader

Seats To Be Filled In The 2006 Election

Bill Frist, R-TN
Majority Leader

Seats To Be Filled In The 2008 Election

**Ted Stevens, R-AK
President Pro Tempore**

**Mitch McConnell, R-KY
Assistant Majority Leader**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION ***

Seats To Be Filled In The 2004 Election

John McCain, R-AZ *
Chairman

**Ernest Hollings, D-SC
Ranking Minority Member
(Retiring)**

Sam Brownback, R-KS

**Daniel K. Inouye, D-HI
(Retiring)**

**Peter G. Fitzgerald, R-IL
(Retiring)**

John Breaux, D-LA

Byron Dorgan, D-ND

Ron Wyden, D-OR

Barbara Boxer, D-CA

Seats To Be Filled In The 2006 Election

**Conrad Burns, R-MT
Chairman,
Subcommittee on Communications**

Bill Nelson, D-FL

Maria Cantwell, D-WA *

Trent Lott, R-MS

Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-TX

Olympia J. Snowe, R-ME

John Ensign, R-NV

George Allen, R-VA

Seats To Be Filled In The 2008 Election

Ted Stevens, R-AK

John D. Rockefeller IV, D-WV

Gordon Smith, R-OR

John Sununu, R-NH

John F. Kerry, D-MA

Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ

NOTE:

The Membership of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications has not been listed separately because its Membership overlaps with the full Committee almost completely. The only 2 Members of the full Committee who are not also on the Subcommittee are: (A) Committee Chairman John McCain, R-AZ; and (B) Senator Frank Lautenberg, D-NJ.

**II. THE MOST IMPORTANT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES
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LOBBYING GOALS IN THE HOUSE THIS SUMMER:

(A) Recruit 1 or more U.S. Representatives to introduce a House version of S. 2505. PRIORITY: Recruiting a Member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, and -- ideally -- 1 Committee Member from each political party.

(B) Recruit as many U.S. Representatives as possible to press for Hearings in the Energy & Commerce Committee, once the bill has been introduced in the House.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives will be filled in the 2004 election (and every 2 years thereafter).

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TOP HOUSE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Dennis Hastert, R-IL
Speaker of the House

Nancy Pelosi, D-CA
Minority Leader

Tom DeLay, R-TX
Majority Leader

Stenny Hoyer, D-MD
Assistant Minority Leader

Roy Blunt, R-MO
Assistant Majority Leader

Bob Menendez, D-NJ
Chair,
House Democratic Caucus

Deborah Pryce, R-OH
Chair,
House Republican Conference

James E. Clyburn, D-SC
Vice Chair,
House Democratic Caucus

Christopher Cox, R-CA
Chair,
House Republican Policy Committee

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS & THE INTERNET OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE

Fred Upton, R-MI
Chairman

Edward Markey, D-MA
Ranking Minority Member

Michael Bilirakis, R-FL

Albert R. Wynn, D-MD

Cliff Stearns, R-FL
Vice Chairman

Karen McCarthy, D-MO

Michael F. Doyle, D-PA

Paul Gillmor, R-OH

John Davis, D-FL

Christopher Cox, R-CA

Charles Gonzalez, D-TX

Nathan Deal, R-GA

Rick Boucher, D-VA

Ed Whitfield, R-KY

Edolphus Towns, D-NY

Barbara Cubin, R-WY

Peter Deutsch, D-FL

John Shimkus, R-IL

Bobby L. Rush, D-IL

Heather Wilson, R-NM

Anna G. Eshoo, D-CA

Charles "Chip" Pickering, R-MS

Bart Stupak, D-MI

Vito Fossella, R-NY

Elliot L. Engel, D-NY

Steve Buyer, R-IN

Charles F. Bass, R-NH

Mary Bono, R-CA

Greg Walden, R-OR

Lee Terry, R-NB

**OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE**

Joe Barton, R-TX

Chairman,

Energy & Commerce

Committee

**(Also: *Ex Officio* Member, Subcommittee on
Telecommunications & The Internet]**

John Dingell, D-MI
Ranking Minority Member,
Energy & Commerce
Committee
(Also: *Ex Officio* Member,
Subcommittee on Telecommunications
& The Internet)

W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, R-LA
(Retiring From Congress Soon)

Henry A. Waxman, D-CA

Ralph M. Hall, R-TX

Frank Pallone, D-NJ

Sherrod Brown, D-OH

James C. Greenwood, R-PA

Bart Gordon, D-TN

Richard Burr, R-NC
(Running for the Senate this year)

Gene Green, D-TX

John B. Shadegg, R-AZ

Ted Strickland, D-OH

George Radanovich, R-CA

Diana DeGette, D-CO

Joseph R. Pitts, R-PA

Lois Capps, D-CA

Mike Ferguson, R-NJ

Christopher John, D-LA

Mike Rogers, R-MI

Tom Allen, D-ME

Darrell Issa, R-CA

Jan Schakowsky, D-IL

C.L. "Butch" Otter, R-ID

Hilda L. Solis, D-CA

John Sullivan, R-OK

**III. CURRENT CO-SPONSORS
OF S. 2505**

***Introduced by U.S. Senators John McCain, R-AZ, and
Patrick Leahy, D-VT***

The Situation As Of 6/29/04

REPUBLICANS = Current Majority Party (1 Sponsor)

1. John McCain, R-AZ, *Primary Sponsor*

DEMOCRATS = Current Minority Party (2 Sponsors)

2. Patrick Leahy, D-VT, *Primary Sponsor*
3. Maria Cantwell, D-WA

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