

# TOUCH 106.1 FM

## WALK FOR POWER

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### TOUCH 106.1 OWNER MARCHES TO WASHINGTON D.C. TO PROTEST FCC POLICY

Boston, Massachusetts (April 16, 2009) – Charles Clemons, General Manager of TOUCH 106.1 FM in Boston, Massachusetts, is walking from Boston to Washington D.C. to bring attention to the unfairness of FCC (Federal Communications Commission) policy, affecting independent, community-owned and operated radio stations in the United States.

The *Walk for Power*, led by Clemons, exposes the plight of African American media owners. It publicizes the needs of communities to control and manage vehicles of information influencing their members, and it also raises questions of rights of access to media ownership.

Presently, only 1.8 percent of radio stations in America are owned by African Americans. “It’s a disproportionate figure considering the longstanding and significant involvement of African Americans in the U.S. communications and entertainment industries,” says Clemons, who founded Touch 106.1 FM in 2005.

TOUCH 106.1 FM’s broadcast area has been limited by federal rules to a very small, 3.5 mile radius. Such restrictions on low-power radio stations reduce a station’s ability to attract advertisers.

Clemons will arrive in Washington D.C. on April 17, 2009 and will greet representatives of national, low-power, FM radio stations. He will meet with representatives of Prometheus Radio Project, a non-profit organization that builds, supports, and advocates for community radio stations. He also will meet with spokespersons from Free Press, a national, nonpartisan organization working to reform the media.

**Prometheus, Free Press and others will be holding sessions regarding low-power FM stations with members of Congress from April 22-24, 2009 in Washington D.C.**

As Clemons continues his walk across the country, he will join with other independent media owners, producers, and supporters to educate the general public and mainstream media about the need for alternative, community-oriented radio stations and to demand that the government create and enforce a level playing field so that all American communities may be empowered by the media.

Clemons’ Walk for Power is about raising the level of community awareness, community voice, community business, and community empowerment, one step at a time. Contribute your support, share your thoughts, and stay in TOUCH by emailing Charles Clemons at: [touchfmradio@yahoo.com](mailto:touchfmradio@yahoo.com). Please visit [www.walk4power.com](http://www.walk4power.com) or [www.prometheusradio.org](http://www.prometheusradio.org) for more information.