

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for your proposed rule establishing a new lower power FM license, for the responsible precautions you are considering to assure pirates aren't being given licenses, and for your responsiveness to the public's enthusiastic call for the availability of such licenses.

In particular, I see benefit in being able to provide local public service information on a 24 hour basis, including local church and community calendars, weather information, public affairs type programming, PSAs helping to promote local civic efforts, etc, interviews on local issues, etc.

I do believe you will need to be flexible about commercial content, since in some cases local organizations may wish to fund the stations, while in other instances commercial backing may be necessary in order to afford to operate them.

I would also encourage you to try and be as flexible about content as possible, allowing the wants and needs of each community to drive what is broadcast. For example, one community might benefit best from talk-based public affairs/calendar info, while another with a heavy concentration of a certain ethnic concentration, Mong refugees, for example (Green Bay, WI), may benefit from foreign language speech and music broadcasts. So my suggestion is to let local people decide about what programming is most suitable for them.

One final thought. Because many of the efforts will be voluntary, and run with limited time and money, please try to keep the application and renewal requirements as simple, inexpensive, and uncomplicated as possible.

Again, my sincere thanks for considering a measure that has the potential to do so much public good.

Cordially,

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