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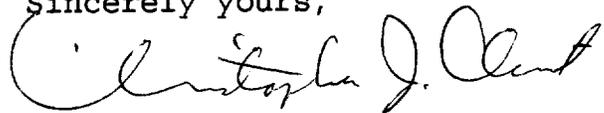
Re: RM-9242 (Low Power FM licensing) 4/13/98

I believe the public would be better served by the creation of a low power FM service (as proposed by Rodger Skinner). The FM band has available spaces for short-range service use in every community. Furthermore, the required expertise and equipment specifications are within the means of the average citizen as evidenced by "The Party Pirate" in Tampa. I heard that station many times and found nothing objectionable from a technical standpoint. I was free to listen to it or turn the dial to a superstation network affiliate adjacent to it without any interference from either station.

This proposal, if adopted, could benefit small businesses, aid community crime prevention/disaster relief, and create technical employment opportunities. Also, I feel that some corporate licensees fail to provide adequate public service in the area of special announcements and affordable advertising. I wrote to a few stations about a friend who had cancer (but no health insurance). I didn't even get an acknowledgement. The "Pirate" certainly would have aired it.

The public also had no voice in the recent allocation of airwaves that will soon make our TV sets useless. Who was served by that ruling? Perhaps the vacated bands could be allocated for Low Power FM and, perhaps, community television. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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