

I am writing in support of low-powered radio. As an FCC licensed radio operator, I understand the responsibility and power inherent in access to the national airwaves. Low-powered radio would provide a much-needed in-road for services to small communities who can't get programming supported by advertising, or are only marginally reached by public radio. For instance, book and article recordings for the blind could be broadcast round-the-clock on a low-power station, while such content is only occasionally available on a public or college radio station. Additionally, such a public service could be RUN by the community that it serves. This is only one example of the uses I foresee for the medium. Making radio accessible enough that it can be a "one-person operation" means opening up the airwaves in much the same way that the presses were opened by easy access to copying and printing technologies in recent decades. Low-power radio has the potential to be one of the most vibrantly flourishing cultural outlets in America as we enter the 21st century. Thanks for this opportunity to show my support.

Sincerely,
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