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I strongly support authorizing low-power community radio service. I support public radio, but am convinced that additional means are needed for communication about local affairs. The need is particularly great in this era of disappearing independent newspapers. Typically, our public radio station (which, by the way, otherwise does a excellent job of serving community interests) gets local news from the (single) daily newspaper. When the newspaper publisher and/or editors have a vested interest in slanting news, the public radio station's news automatically has the same slant.

This is not healthy for democratic process and only helps to increase cynicism and apathy. Public access to low-power community radio has ample potential benefits to outweigh the risk of signal interference.

Yours truly,



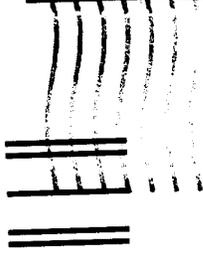
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