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Dear Mr. Kennard:

In the July issue of Popular Communications magazine on pages 8 - 12 there is information on an updated proposal for the F.C.C. to allow micro broadcast radio stations presented by J. Rodger Skinner Jr. a responsible Ham radio operator.

This is a great idea that should be considered since the original proposal would limit the distance in the most favorable conditions to half a mile. The new proposal would allow for the maximum distance in the same favorable conditions to be 15 miles.

In less favorable conditions such as there is here on St. Pete Beach with all the metal buildings around, the original proposal would render the transmitted signal totally useless. In the Citizen's Band radio service has a range of several miles, in order for the new Low Power FM broadcast service to be effective it would need to have more power. The power level should be of sufficient enough to cover no more than 15 miles. This would avoid interference with the major broadcasters.

It would also create new programming that the major radio stations are unwilling to try. One advantage to a broadcast station along coastal areas is to inform the residence when a disaster is about to strike and broadcast evacuation orders, also to let them know when it would be safe to return to their homes.

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