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Comment : To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to send my thoughts regarding Low Power FM radio and its impact in my hometown area of Asheville, North Carolina. WPVM-LP has quickly become an invaluable community resource due to its combination of relevant local, statewide, and international news programming, as well as its diverse and educational musical programming. It is important that i express the high degree of quality and originality that this radio station has brought to our area. However, the potential of this station to continue its mission and increasingly serve the public interest has been greatly hampered in the downtown Asheville area and surrounding communities by an overbearing amount of interference from a non-local station (WIMZ) in Knoxville, Tennessee. The unique character of the Asheville region calls for an equally unique and valuable radio station that addresses issues close to home, and WPVM has been working to achieve this end. Due to the mountainous terrain and the contours of our area's geography, WIMZ's signal (also broadcast on 103.5 FM) intrudes upon that of WPVM regularly and consistently. My only recommendation concerning this particular issue is that the FCC work alongside WPVM (and other low power stations in similar situations) to resolve the problem quickly and permanently.

I would also like to express my support for the allowance of translators by low power stations, as well as the dissolution of its now-outdated policy of "third adjacent channel" spacing. In each of these ways, it is my strong conviction that the FCC can better serve the interests of local, low power radio and therefore advocate for the interests of communities and citizens over the interests of corporate radio. Thanks for everything that you have done to promote the public good through such measures, and

please, keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Benjamin C. Parris
