

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

Last year, Congress passed the Local Community Radio Act, directing the FCC to expand community radio. But where I would like to have a station, in the 29203 zip code in COLUMBIA, SC, the only channel(s) available for new Low Power FM (LPFM) community radio stations would receive interference from other nearby stations. In many other cities, the demand for community radio is much greater than the number of channels available.

Fortunately, Congress authorized the FCC to grant special waivers allowing LPFM stations in more locations, as long as these stations don't cause interference to neighboring stations. These second adjacent frequency waivers would permit LPFM stations to use the same engineering standards that other FM radio services have used for years.

Using these modern engineering rules would open up hundreds of channels for community radio across the country. But incumbent broadcasters are trying to keep communities off the dial, demanding that LPFM stations play by different rules than their own stations enjoy.

In the 29203 zip code, we need second adjacent frequency waivers to have access to channels that won't receive interference from other stations. Please give community radio a chance to thrive in COLUMBIA and nationwide. As long as new stations won't cause interference, all LPFM applicants should be able to use second adjacent frequency waivers.

Respectfully,
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