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I have been a broadcaster on AM radio since 1958. Then on network radio 1986 to 2009. The communications act of 1996 killed radio. More and more are going to the Internet. AM is dead as there is no local content as a general rule. If a nuclear bomb went off you would have to look out the window as most local radio does not report any news! Clear Channel destroyed AM - no local content as they are a jukebox on the air. I invented THE LOCAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM allowing first responders to call an unlisted number punch in a code and be introduced and go on the air live with closing "STAY TUNED" announcement. Stations refused to pay a modest price and instead automate or take a satellite feed. Most people under 40 don't know AM exists except some good 50 KW legacy stations with full service. I watched AM stations die and sell tower sites. I had 3 FCC AM CP's and lost them in 2009 due to bank failures and no funding. A new directional AM is cost prohibitive. The FCC should restore those AM CP's and give folks like me another chance as funding is available again. I lost 10 years of engineering costs, fees that expired due to 2008-09 crash and FCC knew it. AM directionals normally die at sundown and the FCC rules. Conglomerates killed AM and lots of FM. If they can't hear you the game is over. Local news is expensive but necessary. I sat in a dental chair listening to a Clear Channel FM and heard music, spots and local ID and no time, weather or news. That is NOT service in the public interest! I await our LPFM CP and will provide local content.