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Dear FCC:

I am submitting this complaint against Clear Channel Communications, which operates the FM radio station WDCG (G105) in Raleigh, N.C.

In late September 2003, WDCG host Bob Dumas aired comments over two successive days that encouraged motorists to commit acts of assault against bicyclists, such as running cyclists off the road with their vehicles or throwing bottles at them. This followed similar on-air comments on other Clear Channel stations in Cleveland, Ohio, and Dallas, Texas.

Yesterday a bicyclist friend of mine was assaulted by two men who got out of their motor vehicle at an intersection, took my friend's bicycle away from him, threw the bicycle at him, and then began pummeling him with their fists. Then they fled the scene when another cyclist told them he was calling the police on his cell phone.

The anti-cycling rants aired on WDCG and at least two other radio stations owned by Clear Channel are incitements to this sort of dangerous and illegal behavior. Therefore, it is apparent that Clear Channel is failing to honor its legal obligation to use the privilege of its access to public airwaves for the public's benefit.

I urge you to investigate this matter fully and take appropriate disciplinary action against WDCG and its parent company, Clear Channel Communications.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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