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Dear Regulator:

Over the past several months, FCC licensed radio stations owned by Clear Channel Communications have permitted on air personalities to engage in commentary that goes beyond the boundaries specified by the FCC. Specifically, commentary has encouraged motorists on the public roadways to take aggressive driving actions against bicyclists. This has occurred in several major markets such as Cincinnati and Houston, most recently at G105 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The on air commentary does not meet the legal standard of precipitating action, I believe, but it is very close. It certainly falls far short of the lowest level of responsibility expected by the community in regard to public safety. The term road rage has received much attention lately, and bicyclists are the most vulnerable group of citizens when exposed to this behavior.

I have spent all of my life using a bicycle. It is the third largest form of recreation on our country, with over 100 million recreational participants. I am licensed bicycle mechanic and coach. I have been service manager and general manager in several bicycle shops and am currently the national sales manager for a bicycle product import company. I own several cars and drive 25,000 miles a year. I am not anti-automobile, but I don't expect the the public airwaves to be used to encourage angry drivers to take dangerous actions against myself, my customers, or the community.

Please consider whether strong action is warranted against this licensee. They have not modified their behavior in regard to this issue voluntarily.

Sincerely,
Randy Collins
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