

As someone who commutes 60 miles each way to and from work and who often travels between offices during the workday, it is important to me to have immediate access to the latest traffic report. While a local station, WTOP, provides reporting every 10 minutes most of the time (sometimes pre-empted by special programming outside of rush hour), I often do not have time to wait if I've just missed the report. Additionally, because my commute covers 60 miles, I am not in range of WTOP for my entire commute. The XM option, which is always within range, allows me to make quick decisions regarding which route to take and has helped me avoid problem areas.

I still listen to WTOP for quick news updates and, if it is the right time, I will often choose WTOP over the XM broadcast, but it is beneficial to have the option. This is a service I pay for, and I feel that if local radio stations continue to provide good services, they can continue to be competitive. It is in the best interest of local radio stations as well as XM, as businesses, to provide services that are of the best benefit to me, the customer.

Please do not allow the lobbying of the National Association of Broadcasters to impinge upon the 1st ammendments rights of XM broadcasters and upon my right to purchase services that will not be censored. Thank you.