

I travel recreationally by car quite often, and I find XM's traffic and weather reports for major cities very helpful. By my estimation, they also help with the safe operation of vehicles, since I no longer have to hunt around the local stations looking for critical weather and traffic information - I can immediately tune to the XM channel offering the weather and traffic news I need. I look forward to the same service for Austin, provided the NAB does not stifle competition AND free speech by trying to impede the growth of satellite radio. As a news and music and movie junkie, I am a regular user of the broadcast medium, albeit less and less in traditional - another term for old-fashioned - media. Just as cable expanded the television medium's potential exponentially, I expect satellite companies will do the same for radio. In my household, it already has.

I was an intern at the Texas Association of Broadcasters for two years during college, and enjoyed working with radio and television executives and felt honored to help advance their interests in the areas of the First Amendment and unfettered competition. I sincerely hope that any broadcasters "fighting" satellite radio will quickly realize not only the futility of their actions, but the hypocrisy as well.