

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a subscriber to XM Radio since November 2003. I have enjoyed the programming, and as it is a service I pay for, the freedom from advertisements. Earlier this year, XM Radio added channels for local weather and traffic. Baltimore was one of the markets that came online, and I have found these traffic reports to be incredibly valuable. Although many of the local AM and FM stations are very good about giving traffic updates during rush-hour periods, they do not do so as often during the day. If I'm on the road at 2:10 pm, it is not much good to me if I have to wait until 2:30 or, sometimes, 3:00 to get the traffic conditions. Just this week, I encountered a traffic problem midday, switched on the Baltimore traffic channel on XM Radio, and learned where the problem was and planned my route accordingly.

Please reject the National Association of Broadcasters petition 04-160. XM Radio provides a needed service and I would hate to see anyone interfere with it.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Buck