

As a former member of a local broadcast radio station, WNUR-FM (Evanston-Chicago), I see no legitimate reason to prohibit local content on a national broadcast medium.

National radio and television networks currently broadcast local news, weather, and traffic through their affiliate stations. Banning this practice from some organizations while permitting it from others is unethical and strongly reeks of corruption.

As a former resident of Mississippi and a current resident of Texas, I will be encouraging my friends, co-workers, and neighbors to remove Reps. Pickering and Green from office if they continue to let corporate contributions decide legislation in this fashion.

HR 4026 serves no public interest whatsoever. If the Congress has any interest in improving communities' access to their own airwaves, let them reform FCC regulations to allow more competition with national conglomerates, not less. Allowing local and low-power independent community-owned radio would be far better for the nation than further restricting satellite broadcast freedoms.