

Dear member of the FCC,

I am an American consumer that will benefit greatly from the Traffic and Weather services provided by XM Satellite Radio. My wife and I commute to work 20+ miles daily from a Northwest Suburb of the Minneapolis, MN metro area to our jobs, which are closer to downtown than our home is. We will utilize the Traffic service EVERY day when it becomes available to our area (later in 2004). The peril of standard radio is the agonizing waits for the current traffic reports. We will be on the freeway and hit a huge backup (that we could have prevented) because the traffic report on standard FM only comes on once every 20-30 minutes. A lot can occur within that timeframe!

I am paying for this service. I also pay for it to not have to deal with Corporate America shoving things into my brain that I don't agree with - through the power of commercialism! I pay for XM to be able to avoid this. I also pay for XM to get "better than radio". I pay for the programming, I pay for the music variety, I pay for the lack of commercials, and yes, I pay for the TRAFFIC and WEATHER. This is my right as a consumer to chose. With XM, I get choices - many choices. I am in control - and I feel that is the way it should be. Please hear me on this issue and please reject the NAB's petition 04-0160.

America NEEDS satellite radio. Americans need this choice. This service provides freedom and isn't that what America is all about!

God, bless America; and America, bless God.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Stephen Hallie - Albertville, MN (Avid listener of XM - Especially Channel 31 - The Torch!)