

Dear FCC,

I am a subscriber to XM in the Houston, TX metro area. If you know anything about Houston traffic, you know that drivers must keep pace with the traffic conditions in order to leave a sane life! I directly benefit from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its traffic and weather channels. On average, I check XM channel 226 (for Houston) perhaps twice a day, in order to get the IN DEPTH traffic conditions. This has not stopped me from listening to my favorite local new channel KTRH AM 740, which provides traffic updates every 6 minutes. Nor has the existence of this TINY AMOUNT of locally oriented information prevented me and the rest of my family from listening to the standard FM stations in the Houston area.

Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available on other local stations. I have contracted for and pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am LEGALLY permitted to hear.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Sincerely,

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