

Listeners come to public radio for programming. In many communities the frequencies have all been taken and no new channels are available. HD Radio will also stations to not only improve the quality of the current FM signal but with the addition of the Supplemental Audio Channel station will be able to provide another source of programming for listeners.

I encourage the FCC to authorize this Supplemental Audio Channel. I can see no reason why not to authorize any service that will allow listeners more choices on their radio dial.

HD Radio like HDTV is something that is going to happen. Why not allow it to do the most it can do. As the manager of several public radio stations in Oklahoma and North Texas we are building our HD stations this summer. We want to be able to provide the Supplemental Channel as soon as possible. In all five markets we serve there are no more channels for new public radio voices. This second channel would allow us to bring new programming 24 hours a day to each of the five communities as HD Radio's are available.

We urge the FCC to adopt this use as soon as possible. I believe in our markets if I can tell our listeners they can get ALL News or All Music on this second channel it will help get the HD radio sold and in use much faster.