

June 21, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20445

Re: MB Docket No. 04-160

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter, on behalf of Clear Channel Worldwide in the Washington, D.C. market, is in response to the NAB's petition regarding XM Radio's future plans to expand their reach into local radio by broadcasting local weather and traffic.

We are in favor of and support the NAB's position in opposing XM Radio's grassroots program to broadcast local weather and traffic. In XM's desire to move into localizing radio, they are blatantly breaking their promises by launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. By localizing their radio stations, XM will become virtually indistinguishable from local radio. XM must continue to be a national-only satellite radio service.

Clear Channel Worldwide provides local news, traffic and weather to the Washington metropolitan area providing up to the minute, informative news and information. Our traffic reports are now handled by Total Traffic Network, a division of Clear Channel and are housed in our offices in Rockville. We have a News and Information Director who has access to all important news events that occur in the area. He appears live from events such as the Ronald Reagan funeral and political happenings at the Capital, and broadcasts live from those locations on all 8 radio stations in the area. We are able to communicate with our listeners with this up to date information. During the sniper crimes, we were able to keep our listeners informed of the latest happenings and during Hurricane Isabel, we informed our listeners of safety precautions they needed to take. This is what local radio stations do.

Not only does Clear Channel locally keep our listeners informed, we do a great deal of community service work. Annually, we are responsible for raising a total of \$15 million dollars for charities and giving 3,000 volunteer hours to charitable events. Some of the organizations we've helped include The National Kidney Foundation, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and many more. Our employees

have taken time out of their schedules to help the Washington Area Food Bank box food for needy families in our area. We also packed care packages for our military personnel over in Afghanistan. These are the kinds of contributions that we as local radio do in our community.

In closing, we at Clear Channel in the Washington, D.C. market, support the NAB petition. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or further comments.

Sincerely,

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