

I am writing in regard to the possibility that satellite radio could interfere with local radio serving in the public interest. In the past 12 months alone, **WALC** in Charleston has served in the community's interest in reporting local weather, traffic issues, local, and regional news. Additionally, public service and fund raising charity events have been a high priority in the programming of the station. As hurricanes are prevalent on the east coast, our local emergency protocol includes important instructions on evacuation, and routing issues with traffic. Our partnership with local television and cutting edge technology (VIPIR) allows us to constantly monitor and update listeners in the market to changes in weather patterns on an hourly basis. The two major highways in the metro often have accidents or flooding causing slowdowns or stoppage. WALC runs 85 local traffic reports weekly and more if conditions merit, in order informing the community of possible delays. We have a local news source (WSCC) available to us on a 24 hour basis to inform the market of terrorist activity or incidents that could affect the well being citizens of Charleston- (i.e.: army train derailment shutting down I-26 and causing chemical leak in October 2003.) Due to the geography of Charleston, tidal conditions are incredibly important when it comes to warning people of potential flooding. This is all possible because of *local* staff, in a *local* market reporting *local* issues that directly affect the community in a timely manner.