

Please take a serious look and consider the NAB satellite terrestrial repeater petition, MB Docket No. 04-160. Miller Communications and many of my broadcast colleagues, as small market broadcasters, support the NAB petition. We are in hope that the FCC will understand our position. The local broadcasters of the United States will be placed in harms way if the NAB petition proposal does not prevail. Please review the following facts-

☐œ In granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied on the express promises by XM Radio Inc. (☐gXM☐h) and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. (☐gSirius☐h) that their service would be national-only. They would provide multiple foreign language programming, senior citizens and children☐fs programming, etc. Because satellite radio would be national, local broadcasters would not be harmed.

☐œ Now XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises, launching ☐glocalized☐h traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. This is only the beginning.

☐œ It is clear from the comments they filed in opposition to the NAB Petition that XM and Sirius view the sky as the limit ☐\ with technology to continue to ☐glocalize☐h their services they can make their formats virtually indistinguishable from local radio.

☐œ Without FCC intervention, two companies, with 120 channels each, will reach into every market and try to mimic what local broadcasters do.

☐œ Our eleven station group in South Carolina provides local news, traffic and weather service to our community and public interest. The costs involved in providing jobs and operations of these stations depends on revenues generated from this service. Please understand that localism is what separates us from the internet, direct satellite and other services.

☐œ Satellite Radio doesn☐ft have public interest limits or ownership limits. They have no local investment in their communities.

☐œ The \$9.6 billion broadcasters gave to their local communities in 2003 speaks volumes to our commitment to public service.

☐œ We give to the community through community services all year long. Our stations provides many local charities, churches, worthy causes, information from our city of license and their government, emergency transmissions plus news, weather and other information. These services could be threatened if the NAB proposal is not granted.

☐œ FCC, in authorizing satellite radio, vowed to protect ☐gvibrant☐h local broadcasting, and promised to take ☐gany necessary action to safeguard the important service that terrestrial radio provides.☐h That time is now.

☐œ Before XM and Sirius invest millions of dollars in technology, and further raise consumer☐fs expectations about their ability to receive specific content, the FCC must clarify it authorized a national-only satellite radio service.

☐œ Miller Communications, Inc., supports the NAB Petition.

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