

I am the General Manager of a Los Angeles radio cluster (Salem Communications) and have been an XM subscriber for 18 months. While I believe there is room for a non commercial radio service via satellite, XM and Sirius have been authorized as a national only programming service. Putting traffic and weather on their service violates that authorization.

The radio industry was extremely accommodating when XM and Sirius requested terrestrial repeaters, and now that accommodation is being thrown in our faces. Salem's LA stations (not to mention those of Clear Channel, Infinity and others) provide news, traffic and weather two to four times per hour so the satellite services are duplicative and harmful to the economic viability of local radio. They do nothing to enhance diversity and localism.

In the current environment of the FCC's concern about consolidation, strengthening two satellite services to the weakening and detriment of local radio does nothing to enhance the diversity of different voices serving the local community.

It's time for the FCC to declare its commitment to local radio NOW before XM and Sirius seek to provide local-into-local service based on a subscriber's location.

We are proud to serve our community with emergency information (e.g. Amber Alerts, EAS) but we need the FCC to support our efforts and not let the satellite services undermine the unique and important role local radio plays in our community.

Please grant NAB's petition DENYING satellite radio's bid to deliver localized services on nationally distributed channels or deliver local content to a subscriber's receiver based on geography.

Respectfully submitted.

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