

It has come to my attention that my favorite national radio station may be in jeopardy, due to proposed expansion of LPFM. I am against the expansion of LPFM stations if it would put any of the K-Love radio stations in jeopardy.

Up until a few months ago, I resided in the Chicago area. If it weren't for commercial free, family-friendly radio provided by K-Love, I wouldn't have made it through my long commutes. I never had to worry that there would be offensive lyrics and never needed to flip stations to avoid commercials. The music on K-Love allows me to worship God while plugging through life's daily tasks.

I know many of my friends in the Naperville, IL area have also chosen K-Love as their primary radio station. Many of these women are constantly transporting children to and from activities and school. With so many hours spent in the car with children, these moms need a radio station that will guarantee that the lyrics and commercials will not be offensive. They know they can rely on K-Love for family-friendly music.

You may be saying to yourself, toddlers and pre-school age children aren't hugely impacted by offensive lyrics or commercials. I can't tell you how many times I run into little children singing lyrics to songs they constantly hear on the radio. One mom was listening to a top hits station and couldn't figure out where her toddler son had learned inappropriate language until she heard him singing some of the lyrics from songs on the top hits radio station. As soon as she discovered this, she immediately started asking her friends where she could find a family-friendly radio station. Her friends pointed her to K-Love, and she's been listening ever since. Her son is constantly asking questions about his faith and providing mom the opportunity to share her values and beliefs.

When children (and adults) listen to K-Love, we are feeding our Christian faith, worshipping God, and surrounding ourselves with positive music and people. We are also brought to a higher moral standard by surrounding ourselves with K-Love.

If K-Love were to be forced off the air in the Chicago area, I know my friends and I will completely shut off the radio and just listen to Compact Discs and other forms of media. We do not want to be exposed to inappropriate lyrics and commercials. If we don't have a radio station that will meet our needs, we will find alternative forms of multimedia that will suffice.

There are a couple of benefits to having K-Love as a national radio station. Anytime I'm traveling out of my local K-Love area, I am almost guaranteed the opportunity to pick up a K-Love station somewhere else along the route. Many times, I will actually go look up all the K-Love stations along my route. I will write them down and keep the list in my car. It saddens me to leave a K-Love station area, but at the same time, I know I will be in a new K-Love area very soon. It's a very cool feeling to be able to call someone you know on the other side of the U.S. and talk about things you heard on K-Love. You know they are listening to the exact same music you are at the exact same time, despite the fact they are thousands of miles away. I don't know of too many other stations that allow me both of these opportunities.

Please reconsider your proposed expansion of LPFM. By taking away some of the K-Love stations around the country, you are leaving millions of families without a good quality radio station. I wish all radio stations aimed to have the moral and ethical standards K-Love has. If all radio stations were held to these high standards, I believe everyone would be motivated to lead a better life.

Thank you for your time.  
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