

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the proposed rules change that the FCC is considering (04-233) that would give precedence for FM-band frequencies to Low Power FM (LPFM) stations over network FM translator stations that are “repeaters” for the programming provided from a master station. I have been very positively affected by three such networks used to broadcast Christian music, news, and teaching – one is WCDR (based in Cedarville University in Cedarville OH) which uses the translators to broadcast throughout southwest and central Ohio; another is KSBJ (based in Houston TX) which uses the translators to broadcast throughout Beaumont to Houston to Corpus Christi coastal bend area of eastern Texas; and the third is K-LOVE (based in Rocklin CA, near San Jose) which uses the translators to broadcast at over a hundred locations throughout the 50 United States.

These FM translator networks provide family-friendly programming that reinforces the values I hold dear, and their music and information provide a very positive message. The programming “builds me up” and helps me to have a positive attitude toward others. Especially when I am out in my car, I prefer to listen to the positive programming on one of these stations – particularly a K-LOVE station. When I travel, I carry listings of the translator frequencies in my glove compartment so I can tune in these stations rather than the secular FM stations along the way. I know the type of programming I will get from them, and it is FAR BETTER (and less stressful) than the hedonistic, “tear everybody down”, and often sexually-suggestive music and information provided by a significant number of the secular stations broadcasting on the FM band. I know of many other Christians (and non-Christians) who listen to these FM translator stations because they do not have to worry about what their children hear on these stations. (I think you would be very surprised to discover how many tens of thousands of listeners tune in to EACH of these FM translator stations!!)

If the proposed rules change is put into effect, there is a strong likelihood that some of the translator stations would cease broadcasting because their frequency would be given to an LPFM station. This would adversely affect all listeners in the area serviced by that translator; many would be unable to find similar programming in their listening area. I strongly contend that the kind of programming these Christian stations provide is absolutely necessary to heal and bridge the rifts that have been created in our society by the “hate mongers” who broadcast their filth through the music and talk on many secular FM stations. Furthermore, I suspect that anti-Christian groups could use a “deluge” of applications for LPFM operating licenses (and FM frequencies) that could knock ALL FM translator stations off the air because of this “rule proposed” change in frequency assignment priority.

K-LOVE and its sister FM translator networks provide a healing influence in our society/nation that should be nurtured and protected rather than threatened with extinction by this rules change. They provide a badly-needed public service and serve the best interests of people through their positive and uplifting broadcasts. I strongly urge you to disapprove this rules change.

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