

Dear FCC: As a lifelong student of government workings and practice, I am amazed by the outright hypocrisy of the studies "sponsored by the NAB". Satellite radio came about because of the market need for relief from, the over-commercialized AM/FM mediums. All of the studies submitted thus far were sponsored by the NAB, who is working hard (as they have been for 10 years) to stifle competition from the satellite companies. In their own words and the words of companies that they represent financial statements - they speak about the competition from satellite radio, MP3, Ipod, Wi-Max, cell phones and other forms of competition. Yet, out of the other side of their mouths, they claim that satellite radio is a market unto itself. It is clear in my mind and in my pocketbook that satellite radio is competing (and competing heavily) with AM,FM,HD Radio,Internet Radio,MP3,Ipod,and other new emerging technologies - for my ear, pocketbook and for advertising dollars. It is also clear to the NAB, whose clients already enjoy special priveledges and relief from paying their fair share. Please look carefully at the source of the studies that oppose this merger (The Carmel Group extolled heavily the competition of satellite radio in late 2005 - Now that the NAB is paying them they say that the idea of satellite competing is ludicrous!) Allow this merger to happen - to foster even more competition and to the benefit of consumers in the US.