

Craig	Schroeder	43213	Every broadcast license in America issued by the FCC says that the broadcaster will "serve the public." That was written into the Communications Act of 1934. But though the majority of Ohioans (along with Americans from other states) believe the US. has taken a wrong turn, the big media play down, silence, pooh-poo and otherwise marginalize us. We have a point of view ---the majority view --- and we ask Clearchannel to do the honorable thing and not silence the people who give voice to our views such as Al Franken, Laura Flanders, Rachel Maddow and other progressive voices on the radio. Serve the public rather than the powerful. <b>Keep progressive radio in Columbus!</b>
nike	angle	43062	
Tom	Beerman	43085	We listen to 1230 all the time ..... it has been refreshing alternative to Limbaugh and the other dittoheads.
John	Belko	43119	You will get more advertiser support with a less conservative format.
Patrick	Lancaster	35405	We need more PROGRESSIVE radio on the air. We need to give the Progressives in Congress a voice to inform all corporations that we will tax them unmercifully, force them to provide free health care and free education to all who need it, and have a fair revenue sharing plan so CEOs won't make hundreds of millions of dollars while their employees are below the poverty line. Hillary said "We are going to take things away from you for the common good." Goddess bless her. We need stations like WTPG to show the masses what we liberals plan to do to help this country.
Jeff	Coryell	44118	The progressive community in Columbus is vibrant and growing. More and more Ohioans are seeing through the empty right wing spin and coming around to the common-sense progressive agenda. They need a radio station that respects their point of view!
Joan	Fluharty	43068	
Sara	Richman	01940	Progressive Talk Radio serves an important for the public to hear another side of the issues. Talk radio is "lopsidedly" one sided and as we know, this is extremely dangerous in a democracy. Boston lost their Progressive Talk Radio and I feel as if I lost a friend. Out of habit, when I turn to the station in the car or in the kitchen, I get annoying rumba music. I wish a petition could be started to have another Boston station broadcast Progressive Talk. Thank you, Sara Richman
Carl	Kay	43232	Progressive radio is important in Central Ohio because someone has to tell the truth which we don't hear on the regular news.
Michael	Kelley	43113	How come after this election you chose to shut these shows off. Maybe because they made people think. We need progressive radio , for the truth
Rebecca	Haidt	43209	Progressive Talk Radio is an essential format, and provides the clear majority of Ohio voters in Franklin County with the programming and content they would like to hear.
Sharyn	talbert	43085	You CAN sell progressive radio here. The groundswell of political change will catch up, and is catching up; your bottom line will eventually turn around. Removal of progressive radio will only disabuse potential listeners to tune in to your programs.
Elizabeth	Bohlander	43202	
Cathleen	Logsdon	(43214)	
William P.	Lenzion	44129	Monopolization of media is not only un-American it is the very essence of fascism.
Margaret	Collins	53562	Progressive radio is a positive influence in any community. It's a great way to keep people informed and have them become involved in the community. They are more than willing to patronize any advertisers to the channel. They are passionate and highly motivated. Please keep progressive radio

ariiy	eerman	43085	There needs to be a balance. Right now there is too much right and not enough progressive or liberal on the airways, choose your word. I like the defination in Webster's that says liberals "are tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others". Progressive radio, especially Franken and Schultz have guests with varying views - and they let them talk.
reg	avis	43213	From: "Greg Davis" <bluecoyoteband@hotmail.com> To: tomthon@clearchannel.com, brucecollins@clearchannel.com, melissaburns@clearchannel.com CC: bluecoyoteband@hotmail.com, station@ohiomajorityradio.com Subject: AM1230 Change in Format Date: Fri, 05 Jan 2007 15:29:02 -0500 Dear Mr. Thon, Mr. Collins and Ms. Burns: We and many people we know have been loyal listeners to Progressive AM1230 since it started in Columbus in September 2004. On average, we have listened to AM1230 for eight to ten hours a day (my wife listens to it at work). When we don't listen to AM1230, we usually listen to The Brew, 105.7 FM. We have attended station events, bought tickets and merchandise from AM1230, and patronized businesses who advertise on AM1230, as have many of our friends and acquaintances. In fact, we never listen to 610 WTVN except for Bengals games. So we have no idea who advertises on 610 WTVN. If you view the results of the recent election, the citizens of Ohio and the American people have given you, free of charge, the results of a market research study that could be worth millions of dollars to your advertisers. Ohioans voted 55% statewide progressive and in the Columbus market, 58%. This is potentially a vast untapped resource of revenues for your advertisers. It makes no business sense to ignore such a huge resource. Also, potential progressive customers generally are better educated, have higher incomes, and therefore have greater spending capacity for the products you advertise. In fact, you should really reconsider changing your Columbus station, AM610, to the progressive talk format while making AM1230 the conservative format, because AM610 has a stronger signal, therefore, it would greatly enhance your ability to reach this majority audience. How much would Clear Channel pay a marketing research company for the results that the citizens of Ohio and the United States have given you for free? It is likely that loyal listeners to Progressive AM1230 will not listen to the new format and will take their discretionary income elsewhere (XM or Sirius or Internet radio services). Cancelling progressive talk could also have a negative effect on Clear Channel's other holdings, as this majority of voters and therefore potential listeners, may switch to non-Clear Channel stations. It's sad, but it's true, in this age of satellite and Internet radio, the average consumer does not need broadcast media as much as broadcast media needs the consumer. Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for bringing progressive talk to Columbus. We have found it hugely entertaining and informative. Sincerely, Please bring the progressive format back. Columbus was proud of its progressive radio station. If it was loyal listeners you wanted, you had them!! I don't know who you are attempting to target with the new format, but believe me, you are trading down.
vonne	lunt	43221	
larilyn	blackwell	43206	
ohn	ingleton	3031	Please do not do this.
arli	iekella	3206	Please save progressive radio! There are so many talk stations that are right here in the area, and NPR is not the same! It is all in the car.
arbara	rancis	98226	
osh	enkins	3229	There are already too many conservatives on the radio. I want to hear some Progressive Talk!!! I will never listen to 1230 AM if it goes conservative on Jan. 9th. And I will make it a point not to give any money to companies that advertise on conservative radio.

Anna	Russo	43119	Please, please, please keep the format the way it is! We love progressive talk here in central Ohio, and we need to keep it here.
John	Fisher	43119	Do not go over to conservative radio. Those people are (Savage, Ingram, ect.) are destroying America from within and it's the last thing central Ohio needs.
Melissa	Volkert	43230	I am outraged by the decision to change this format. But I am not surprised When you have a government that decides that it's own military should have only the barest minimum of choices in what it hears across the radio waves, it is only a matter of time before the general public is treated the same way by corporations, the newest wing of our government. Welcome to fascist Amerika. Just when I was getting used to the nightly Cavs game, too...I left conservative slop on radio for And you blew it. WYTS? Oh, I get it, as message to your new audience...Waste Your Time Stupid...
Randy	Borntrager	43215	
Melvin	Keller	43040	I will be listening to 700 or finding Glenn Beck on the internet, Im done with you guys! Not everyone wants to hear sports talk all day.
Carol	Mahaffey	43082	
Ruthie	Wiley	48221	
Tim	Curry	43231	I listen to 1230 more than any other AM station. I also hear it being played all over town. I think it provides a much needed stream of political talk to balance the right wingers.
Elizabeth	Jennings	43214	
Linda	Nalsh	20688	
Sam	Jordan	43214	The thought that Stephanie Miller might be replaced by Jim Rome in a market already saturated with sports programs is sickening.
David	Williams	44691	Please do not inundate us with more conservative hate radio
Sara	Webb-Sunderhaus	46815	
Julie	rahm	55406	
Albert	lanssen	55016	Keep the progressive radio! Stop the Right from changing what AMERICA really wants!
Paul	ron Hippel	43201	
James	McKay	43050	
Randy	Bennett	45403	Look I like some clear channel stations too, but give us some freedom of choice and variety.
Sarah	Dencer	43212	
William	Miller	43228	
Dan	erguson	40515	I hear enough of conservative talk every where I turn. Please keep progressive radio on the air and available for intelligent people to listen to.
Jaron	Shook	43202	If you do not provide a channel for this demographic, someone else will - and the revenues will be theirs, not yours.
Kathie	Howard	43055	1230 AM is the only station I listen to. I have turned so many people onto this station
Sharon	Schertz	43025	We need to balance conservative talk radio and to promote middle of the road and liberal viewpoints. There needs to be opportunity for the whole spectrum to be represented. If 1230 goes away, important information will not be available via radio in this area. Besides, Stephanie Miller and Rachael Maddow are particularly entertaining.
Dan	Colbert	44310	I'm in Akron where ,thankfully, there is still a liberal radio voice...warf..remember what radio was like a few years ago..nowhere to turn. Columbus needs to keep a voice of reason...anybody remember the november election? Good Luck Columbus!!!

aul	adisevski	3026	First, I have been an avid listener to WTPG 1230am for over a year now, and I have bought products advertised (like an Oreck vacuum, for instance). Changing from a Progressive format to a REGRESSIVE format is a Big Mistake. If Mr. Collins had passionate sales people I know he could sell Progressive Talk in Franklin County, hell I bet I could do it! [Many of the same businesses that support public radio for instance, would probably advertise on WTPG!] And as Franklin County in particular is turning blue; and as many of those elected are Democrats including the Columbus Mayor and Ohio's governor - I say what's the problem? It is evident that dissenting opinions or alternative ideas <b>TO</b> the right-wing media (or ideology and current Administration) -which is ALL over the DIAL already in Ohio) - is NOT going to be allowed, by the Right or the likes of CLEAR CHANNEL. And it's just too bad. Clear Channel needs to re-consider this move away from intelligent talk in Columbus. It's an unfair business practice and a public disservice. I heard of this Laura Ingraham. She's an idiot. She's the one who on her Radio show called for her listeners to all call and all JAM the 1-800 Dem Vote - voters help line that Howard Dean set up for this last election - concerning voting irregularities! Ingraham should be dragged in on charges in Federal Court for that stunt. AND this is who Columbus Clear Channel wants to get in bed with?! Well, they say you can be judged by the company you keep. Unfortunately regulations and laws will have to reign in these Media monopolys. That's who I'm writing to next, my elected pols. And again, it's too bad, because many, many Americans are tired of all these Right-Wing hacks, spewing their ridiculous crap, all
ichael	ees	3201	Let's get real. Mr. Collins and Clear Channel are sandbagging it. Maybe it's time to consider getting on congress to revoke Reagan's ridiculous deregulation acts. That's right.... 1 AM!, 1FM!, 1TV per market...period. No more Clear Channel. That goes for newspapers too. Obviously, Mr Collins didn't show up to class that day in Comm 101 when his professor explained the part that those who received broadcast licenses also were required to serve the public interest as well.
en	æ	3068	THIS IS THE STATION THAT WAS THE FIRST TO BREAK THE NEWS ABOUT THE USE OF SIGNING STATEMENTS, THE ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF MR. ABRAMBOFF AND THE SCANDAL IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS. THAT IS WHY THESE PROGRESSIVE VOICES ARE NEEDED.
ary	outell	3017	WTPG was the only station I'd tune into in my car. Unclear Channel has to go! Keep up the good fight, a start would be a new head of the F.C.C. The previous post is 100% right that media consolidation is an evil we need to be rid of. This replacement format is worse than regressive, it's HATE radio and Michael "Savage" Weiner is the worst of them. I will still listen to Randi, Stephanie, and Al on the "internets"
ordan	'eter	3235	How about finding another station to air progressive talk. The amount of enthusiasm as evidenced by the out pouring of support should spur other radio owners to take notice. If Clear Channel doesn't want want progressive radio advertising dollars and loyal listeners another station needs to step in. Most of the shows - Stephanie Miller, Young Turks, Rachel Maddow, Ed Schultz besides being very entertaining are also very informative. This format was not at all advertised and did very well from just word of mouth advertising. With a little bill board advertising it can take off. This is a golden opportunity for underperforming AM/FM stations. Why not cable too! If Imus can succeed on cable(MSNBC) Stephanie Miller and others can too! Don't let the Republicans kill progressive talk. Rich Liberals and Dems this is your chance to wake up and put your money where your mouth is. Don't let the progressive flame die, please.

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eldon	Strauss	43229	I guess Clear Channel just doesn't get it but the last election the voter turned out and voted the conservatives out. We can see why during the Reagan administration the media consolidation was passed. Clear Channel instead of encourage public debate seeks to limit our access to information. If anyone has questions just to at the changes at NPR after Bush's appointments more fluff less news. WTPG has been one only reliable outlets for news in central Ohio. This is a great loss to democracy. Just remember we helped Sadam to power and gave gas weapons. We sent April Gatsby to tell him it was ok to invade Kuwait in 1991, "just do what you want we won't get involved". We need an information source not controlled by large conservative corporate interests such GE, Time Warner, Sony or Disney. So much the for alleged liberal media in the USA. Air America Radio and WTPG was a small glimmer of hope.
am	Liebfreund	43110	Only a stupid business man would split the conservatives into two stations and lose all of the Liberal listeners.
weather	Sturgill	45223	Most of the local talk stations are conservative. It is really nice to be able to listen to multiple perspectives. If you listen to both conservative and progressive radio then you actually have a chance at getting ALL the information, not just the information that supports their slanted view. Please Keep progressive radio.
Richard	Hermann	43221	Fairness doctrine? Does this apply? How much right wing talk do we need? Enough to completely eradicate the left wing POV, I guess. The people actually OWN the airwaves according to the FCC. Why do your "cold hard business facts" overshadow the law?
Patricia	Bown	55419	Progressive radio is important in Ohio and all over the country to : the right wing talk shows and their lies.
Robert L	Stanley	43147	My God...what is happening to our country. Americans need to wake up and protect our nation, our democracy. No one can afford to sit back and not raise their voice. Corporations are pissed off that all their money could not keep the Republicans in office. Everyone must get involved if America
like	Levine	48076	We own the airwaves!
Jeff	Jones	43017	The founders of our country knew the importance of perspective and multiple parties involved in the government. It took 20 years to build the right wing radio machine, but the left wing machine needs to be strong and making tons of money in less than 5 years. The airwaves are supposed to be for the public good, not just rehash the same talking points over and
Ray	Elhard	43147	I have been a devoted listener of Air America here in Columbus almost since the very beginning. I have watched it become a huge source of "water cooler" information and sensation through the years. I believe it has had an obvious impact on the local political landscape. And I believe personally that it was failed most by bad management and a bad business plan. It may well be misguided of us over the long haul to try to save it now for the financial benefit of people who simply can't seem to make a go of selling ads to more than half of the electorate. I actually do seek out and support advertisers, although I have my doubts that local sales reps understand the demographics of Progressives and the big dollars they have. I'm not sure we have the same interests and spending habits as Rush Limbaugh's dwindling legions of "dittoheads," for instance. Don't try to sell us the same products and ads that you hawk on conventional, conservative radio. Air America established a loyal base of listeners, and a significant chunk of the market, much more quickly than anyone could have expected. The Democratic party certainly has a long term stake in seeing that the network finds a much more motivated, stable and sensible business plan. Go ahead and let these fools abandon it. Let's find and encourage investors who have a better sense and understanding of this network and its larger purpose. You really don't have to pander to the lowest common denominator to make a respectable return on your money in this market

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John	Lotus	43224	It is my competitors I owe my success to. My worthy opponent is what makes me become worthy of them. Without debate how can we find the truth that is usually somewhere in the middle of the 2 extremes. Progressive radio is the only voice that is speaking about the progressive side of current issues. I believe its relevancy was best shown in the 2006 election results. I do not want to silence the voice of those who are liberal with their spending and consumption of resources (the Right), only balance them with those who seek conservation and financial accountability (the Left), the voice of progressive talk. We need this debate, please do not allow those who seek the easy path of comfort thru denial to lull us to sleep in these dangerous times.
Susan	Barbo	43220	
Dean	Barbo	43220	It would be a horrid dis-service to the people of Ohio if the only politically left leaning radio station were shut down. In this era of corporate media consolidation, it is imperative to keep a voice of reason, rationality, and logic that is not beholden to the radical political forces that now control the executive branch of government. Competition is good and diversity is good for a healthy society. Its imperative that we maintain at least some open and honest discourse on the radio, and I have always been willing to support Air America financially by supporting its sponsors.
Gil	Greene	43220	I love Air America! Perhaps, as someone mentioned below, it is time to go Congress to limit the number of stations one company can own in one geographic location.
Steve	McGuire	43762	
Lydia	Cumming	43201	I am terribly sadden by the news. Clear channel kept the bigot Glen Beck! What about service to the community? Do the people at Clear Channel know what the word "Service" means?
KAREN	SHROYER	43040	
Jared	Gardner	43214	Please save fair play on the public airwaves!
David	Fisher	43207	Don't let this go!!!
Rick	Livingston	43201	
Jonathan	Sadler	43230	This is a sad day, I hope Clear Channel will change their mind... I was contemplating advertising my business ( Homestead Mortgage Co- Westerville, OH ) on Stephanie's show, but I will NOT do so if the station becomes another right wing extremist station..
barry	collier	43230	WTPG has been a unique and invaluable source of information that had been ignored by the mainstream media. Whether or not one agrees with t political leanings of progressive talk, it is a useful perspective in getting a well-rounded view of politics. Clear Channel is making a bad business cal replacing its unique product with the same tripe that can be found throughout the AM talk radio spectrum. In response, I will replace Clear Channel with a sattelite Droider.
Susan	Brant	44410	All sides of an issued should be given to the American people. If only one side is heard, that is not a well informed public. The mess this country ha! gotten into in the last six years has a lot to do with one party being able to dominate the system. Our forefathers knew that there was a need for balance of power. Let all sides be heard so people can make up their own mind. Oh yeah...perhaps there should be something about speaking only the truth on these programs also. O'Reilly and Limbaugh are not known for
Catherine	Adamescu	43209	Please keep progressive radio alive in Columbus.
Kim	Carter	43082	

Ron	Gamble	43015	Exactly how many right-wing talk stations can one market handle? WTPG was bogged down with no outside advertising (besides an initial publicity burst about the format change), a weak signal, carrying Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Cavaliers, AND Bowling Green football, and an advertising sales group that was more interested in finding out how many public service announcements they could fit into one commercial break. And STILL, the ratings went up! If Glenn Beck, who was cut from WTVN because of low ratings, can find a new station without missing a beat, then why can't Air
Katie	Swen	43214	I listen often to all the Air America shows and they provide a much-needed different perspective on current events and politics. I'm not sure how many people even realize cautious and unquestioning, at best, and right-wing, at worst, most of their radio and TV information sources are. The Air America hosts ask a lot of questions that need to be asked and too often aren't.
Paul	Steffen	43214	We need a variety of opinions on the airwaves and show hosts who are going to ask difficult questions about the current presidential administration and the Republican party. That is what the Air America Radio and Jones Radio Network (Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz) provide.
David	Pantalone	02446	We have suffered a similar fate in Boston. Progressive radio is important not only to Ohio and Massachusetts, but to all of America. The conservative bias in the radio media is undemocratic. We must restore balance and
Card	Grasselli	43068	With journalists failing us, and right-wing radio propagandizing us, having Frank and Ed Shultz available has been invaluable to me. I have learned more from their shows than I would have thought possible. Losing this station is one more slap in the face by the powers-that-be who want to control what we hear, see, and learn. Clear Channel has shown their true colors, and if they make this change (which I have no doubt they will) their station will be forever silent on my radios. More conservative talk - IUST
Denise	Baumann	43214	We need a balance of political commentary in Columbus, Ohio.
Paul	Baumann	43214	
julia	watson	43221	I often listen to Air America—please keep progressive radio alive in
Daniel	Tedrick	43230	Columbus!
frank	gaydos	44135	we need to even out these right wing nuts!..more progressive talk, I wonder if this is clear channel's plan?..I hope the Democrats forward some laws to even and BALANCE the AIRWAVES!..Oh, don't forget podcasting as a backup..
Connie	Harris	43201	
Brian	Williams	45248	We already have too much hate speech on the airwaves.
Charles	Cunningham	43231	
Amee N	Shepard	98122	
John	Loomis	43302	
Todd	Beistel	43081	I am an avid listener of PROGRESSIVE 1230. My car radio never leaves the channel. I work more than 8 hours a day 5 days a week while only listening to PROGRESSIVE 1230. CHANGING FORMATS WILL ONLY RESULT WITH THE LOSS OF REGULAR LISTENERS LIKE MYSELF AS WELL AS THE VAST MAJORITY THAT IS COMPRISED OF PROGRESSIVE THINKERS AS WE HAVE DISCOVERED IN THE '06 ELECTIONS. Most programming changes are made to keep up with the political climate. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
Gerry	Perrino	02865	
Scott	Dybiec	43212	Progressive talk radio is important to have in Central Ohio. I listen to Air America.
Gerard P	Denzer	23505	
Arturo	Torres	92009	Progressive radio is so much more listenable than right wing hate radio.

Robin	Bergman	02476	This is a much bigger issue than Columbus (or Madison, or Boston where we are fighting the same situation!)... it is about media consolidation + corporatization, stifling of divergent voices, suppression of information, lack of local programming, refusal to serve the public interest and more! We MUST support each other all over and we MUST demand that Congress take up these issues again. Without an informed public, there cannot be a Democracy!
Diana	Larson	43064	
Jenny	Flannery	43212	It seems inconceivable that when a state has just flipped from Republican to Democratic in an election held two months ago, a station can't sell advertising for programming geared to a *majority* of the potential audience and would instead choose to air more of the right-wing blather (some of it, like Laura Ingraham's urging to flood progressive get-out-the-vote phone lines with harassing calls, very likely illegal) that one can get on a variety of other stations. If it's not a case of incompetence or right-wing bias on the part of the sales staff, maybe it's the Air America advertiser blacklist that recently was leaked from ABC Radio?
Ted	Schaefer	43221	Keep the station on the air - we need the balance.
Edward	Sterling	43235	Keep 1230 as a progressive radio station!
Linda	Byrket	43221	
Terry	Lazear	43219	This is the station That gives progressive a voice PLEASE rescind your decision to change the format to the same old right wing agenda
Jody	McRailey	43221	
Stanley	Bobrof	43205	WTPG is the station I listen to on my way to work and home again. At work, it is the most common station, though WCBE or WOSU-AM are also listened to. As you can see progressive is the choice. At work, people come in and hear something on 1230 and a conversation develops. This is a great loss. I guess, in typical fashion, it became too much of a threat to Clear Channel's corporate sponsors and it had to be beheaded. "Let them eat cake", the owners cried and we were given a Savage.
D	Meyers	43221	Balance on the radio & in media is needed in this country period!
Warren	Wolf	43068	WE need progressive radio to give citizens all viewpoints!
Denise	Worthington	43220	The one radio station I listen to on a regular basis. Especially Stephanie Miller. Cannot believe you would think of pulling the plug for a format that holds no interest for the majority of people in a "blue" state.
Philip	Bullio	45013	
Laura	Cook	43212	Please keep WTPG in Columbus!
Charles	Hoisington	43214	The majority of voters in your listening area indicate by their choices that they are in the progressive group. I expect they will want a voice, especially as the neo-cons get heard frequently on the air.
Anonymous	NULL	32570	NULL
MArj	Anzalone	43054	I listen to Stephanie Miller, Al Franken, and Randi Rhodes every day! I go to their websites. I have contacted advertisers about their offerings as well. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THESE SHOWS!!
Elaine	Long	43221	We need to hear both sides of issues, so that we can be informed citizens!
Anonymous	NULL	99393	NULL
Connie	Knueve	43230	We here in central Ohio have no alternative to the conservative talk shows that constantly bombard us with their viewpoints. This can't be good for our country--we desperately need balance. The radio shows of Stephanie Miller and Ed Schultz have been an oasis for the progressives in this area--the majority. Without their shows, there will be nothing in radioland worth listening to. Our radios are going to go back to being turned off and our cd's
ri	i n n	13054	Wf you limit l opinion, is k tllr outcry! We need balance!
Roy	Landreth	13054	Please keep progressive radio on the air in C.o We need balance in the market.

Amelia	Beck-Cody	43054	Just another example of why the mega-conglomerate communications companies need to be busted up. No local loyalty or responsibility.
Jocelyn	Krosky	43016	Please keep our progressive radio's format just that! Progressive! I love listening to Randi Rhodes, Al Franken and Stephanie Miller. I have no interest in listening to Laura Ingraham, Jim Quinn, or any of the other Conservative, "non-progressive", right wingers who you seem to be wanting to place on the radio station.
Aaron	Cropper	33765	
Jolie	Brams	43054	Air America is a new entity...it has it's rough edgess but it is ESSENTIAL to providing meaningful political and social information so that we have an educated electorate. I can guarantee you that many more people listen than have access to this petition.
Peter	Davis	43230	There is already conservative talk radio in Columbus. Let's have balance here! I listen in my car and will not do that anymore if the station switches format.
Cecilia	McLaughlin	43204	
Doug	Berger	43212	Corporate radio has lost its way when it was suppose to serve the PUBLIC interest - not just the BOTTOMLINE. No wonder satellite radio is going to kill you off.
Judy	Waite	96754	Here in Hawaii, we have one progressive radio station. Surveys show that it is the most popular! Progressives need a radio voice.
Brenda	Davis	43230	Please stop the hate, the lies. Give us an alternative. I will support the sponserers of progressive talk radio.
Mike	Andrejco	17110	I can't believe Clear Channel is doing this. WKOZ is Boston, that WAS Progressive talk (& that I could stream) is now going to be all Latino music. What happened? It can't be that the listeners don't support Progressive Talk! I've been chasing Ed Schultz all over XM and the stream for over a year. Guess I'll have to go to Sirius satellite radio. forget Commercial radio.
Sara	Revesz	60013	I listen to 850 AM Progressive talk each and every day. I support their sponserers also. I avoid 890 WLS AM and any sponser advertising during Rush, Hannity, or Mark Levine.
Nancy	Schmelter	46563	
Dan	Schmelter	46563	
Christiana	Dillingham	28748	Please respect the needed diversity in the air space and please respect the desires of the populace. This country is changing and you have a chance to show your respect for all and honor the democratic spirit in our country.
Anne	Noble	22308	
Richard	Wolf	43204	AM1230 WTPG is the only talk radio that my co-workers and I listen to-- every day. I will not tune in to listen to right-wing personalities.
Megan	Morrice	43201	Please do not take away my favorite station! It is important to represent both ends of the spectrum. Conservative talk radio did not grow to where it is today overnight. Progressive talk radio will get there, it just needs the same amount of time before the investment pays off in the same way (for the financial concerns).
David	Waite	44106	
Jan	Koerner	45419	I travel from Dayton to Columbus frequently, this progressive radio station will be missed. Please reconsider this decision. Thank you!
Beryl	Oser	8	please keep ohio progressive talk on the air. Beryl M. Oser MD
Melody	Smith	52245	The public deserves to hear more than one side of the issues.
Patricia	De Silva	43110	This is terrible! I for one will stop listening to this channel. I was so happy when prior to the 2004 election I found WTPG. Finally a sane voice in radi could be heard in Columbus. Now we progressive will have nothing. Please reconsider this decision.

Diane	Reichwein	43212	Central Ohio deserves progressive radio. It's important for a major metropolitan area to have media that is diverse. Abolishing progressive radio will be a big setback for the people of Central Ohio and for the image that we present nationally.
Robert	Tennant	43045	Please keep the true voice on the air ways open. The people need to know the other side, as we are not all SHEEP.
Deb	McCarty	43045	
Bill	Brooks	30072	
Trudi	Marrapodi	44132	Central Ohio does not need more conservative talk. It needs an alternative: progressive radio. Only that way can all voices be heard. Please keep progressive radio in Columbus.
Mark	Levyt	143209	
Kat	Rose	161265	Gee...a progressive alternative to the christofascist monolith (a/k/a/ Rush & FOX & Slingrahammy & Sauvage ad nauseum) proves it can wake up the electorate and suddenly the progressive alternative to the christofascist monolith gets whacked. 1270 in the Quad Cities magically converted to 'Christian Talk' (its so obvious that there aren't enough religionist broadcast outlets in the US, isn't it?); the progressive station in Madison suddenly decides to go sport. But, this couldn't possibly be organized in Karl Rove's office, now could it?
Robin	Sterritt	48073	As my zip code indicates, I'm from out of state (MI) but aware of what's going on in Ohio. Progressive radio is important EVERYWHERE in this country, especially in this day. No one can tell me that there is no audience for it in Ohio. I've heard them speak. Now you have my voice as well.
Leslie	Coleman	45409	
Chris	Shea	43214	The station has lost a listener here. As another commentator stated below, we don't need more conservative talk radio. You'd think the recent election might be a sign that a lot of people are tired of the Bush propaganda
Rabbi Gershon	Steinberg-Caudill	194530	
Christopher	Stroh	02645	Stop the Lies. Save truth radio!! 1984 is a warning, not a guide book.
Christopher	Johnson	43147	Keep progressive talk radio alive in Columbus. The airwaves belong to the public, we deserve diversity of opinion.
Linda	Cutter	147042	
Peter	Hug	143614	
Suzanne	Stewart	143138	I love this station! Please keep it on the air! Stephanie, Al, Randi, and the others let me know what is going on. We need them!!!
holly	hylbert	29485	
Darin	Hylbert	29485	
Maria	Rosenthal	43235	
Erica	Martin	43232	

Kirk	ennington	3206	<p>Your motives seem to be clear to me. You are not doing a service to your community on the radio. 1230 AM is the only place we have here in Columbus to listen to progressive ideas which are beneficial to the lifeblood of our democracy! I listen minutes to work, and 45 minutes home. I am just amazed and perplexed that Clear Channel would even consider removing progressive radio from your airwaves unless it's simply because you want to help quell free speech. SAD! If you go through with this, we will overcome, and you WILL be sorry because we progressives stick together and we're the Majority! We</p> <p>from the likes of Rush Limbaugh and Dr Laura Schlessinger, et al, who have harmed Americans and damaged our country's reputation and safety.</p>
Robert	Harmon	3221	<p>Clear Channel owns over 1200 radio stations. Six are licensed in Columbus OH to serve the public interest. WTVN 610 is classed as News/Talk format</p> <p>a</p> <p>Format: AC Metro: Columbus, OH Call Sign: WNCI-FM Format: CHR Metro: Columbus, OH Call Sign: WTVN-AM Format: News/Talk Metro: Columbus, OH Call Sign: WYTS-AM Format: Progressive Talk Metro: Columbus, OH Frequency: 1230 General Manager: TOM THON Phone: 614-486-6101 Fax: 614-487-2552 Address: 2323 W. Fifth Ave. Suite 200</p>
Mary	Leath	3215	<p>Until Progressive Talk radio came to Columbus the only radio I listened to was NPR (WCBE). I now listen to more WTPG and love the format. Bring Ed Schultz back, please.</p>
Leon	Lowell	3223	<p>Please don't allow the format change to happen. It's a breath of fresh air and all I listen to in the car. There are plenty of conservative opinions on AM radio as well as television. Progressives in central Ohio have only one dedicated voice on talk radio and it would be a tragedy to lose it. I've noticed a high volume of callers on the various shows are from central Ohio. The format HAS LISTENERS, don't abandon us. We have a voice and a choice and can choose to abandon the other Clear Channel stations</p>
Jim	Luffman	13081	<p>Save WTPG ! Blame the search for advertisers. Clear channel is taking the problems of WTVN and making an outlet for far right radio problems. Does anyone think GB tells the truth? His arguments are lies. This Clear Channel dance with GB shows that they can not stand with GB because just like logic and Bush and the Iraq war. a detachment accrues.</p>
Ann	Myers	3214	

Nancy	Gack	45255	I was very disappointed to lose AM 1360 in Cincinnati. I don't understand the programming decisions. Progressive voters support advertisers just like everyone else!
Thomas	Ventling	43017	I am a very loyal listener of WTPG and supporter of its local advertisers. Please keep progressive talk radio in Columbus. The airwaves belong to the public and we must preserve a balance of opinion.
chris	flower	43209	an informed public is essential for meaningful democracy
Carl	LaMaye	43081	
Kathleen	Korenowsky	43202	Save progressive talk!! We must have political balance!!!!!!!!!!
Michele	Lavon	43054	AIR AMERICA radio Must stay! Progressive Radio is the voice of central Ohio.
Linda	Weinstock	43209	KEEP AIR AMERICA IN COLUMBUS. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO HEAR THE TRUTH.
I	Ashburn	43214	Goodbye free speech, to right liars.
rc	Henize	43213	Clear is also on 93.3 and 105.7, two of my favorite music stations. Since Clear Channel doesn't want me as a listener to progressive talk radio, I'm sure they don't want me as a listener for their music stations either. I'm changing my dial to 107.9.
Howard	Dalton	43206	I refuse to let this happen - we will not be silenced!
Aaron	Duty	43016	I have always considered myself an informed 'mediaphile' -- without hearing my coworkers talk about 1230AM, I would have never known about a progressive radio option in Columbus. I understand now that 1230 has been under this format for quite sometime, but was unaware of it. It is Clear Channels position that there is no revenue in this market for progressive talk -- Market the channel louder, and perhaps Central Ohioans would be aware of it's existence and listen! I suppose I must go back to Glen Beck and his 'Moral Right in Moderates Clothing' rhetoric. Sigh...
Bob	Davis	43202	we have enough "formulated news" here in Central Ohio from the Columbus Dispatch to the network television stations. The one and only station for true news is now being taken away. Oh well...we've already lost most of our civil liberties, why not go ahead and just take it all away from us. Make us the ignorant lemmings you want us to be.
Gregg	Haught	43209	
Rob	Phillips	43230	
Jane	Sonenshein	45140	
Laura	Bruce	43212	
E.J.	Shaffer	43004	I listen to AM 1230 every day first thing in the morning, on my way to work and home. Please don't take away this essential resource for the community. There is enough places on the dial to hear right-wing propaganda. Let's keep at least one oasis in Columbus OH on the AM dial.
Vickie	Askins	43413	Progressive radio is crucial in Ohio. There is too much misinformation and corruption out there these days especially it seems in Ohio.
Larry	Globe	43229	John Kerry carried Franklin County in the 2004 election. I believe the central Ohio area is no longer as rock-ribbed conservative as it once was. Right wing talkers may get good ratings because they tell people what they want to hear. I believe we need alternative voices in Central Ohio. I wouldn't mind if you tweaked your line-up to add business talk or sports talk or even some conservative talk. But give us an alternative to the inane utterings of people like Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity. Keep progressive talk in
Richard	Shepherd	43201	Time to bring back the Fairness Doctrine so mega media conglomerates can't use public airwaves to both make money AND push a political
Bryan	Hoffman	43302	agenda.

Brian	Cislak	3717	The American public owns the airwaves. In exchange for their privilege to operate on these frequencies, Clear Channel and other media firms have the responsibility to operate in the public interest. This includes providing a diversity of programming representing left, right and center. If they fail to do this, let's look into reinstating the Fairness Doctrine.
Stuart	Wright	3214	Radio broadcasters have an obligation to the public to present balanced views on issues of public interest, and progressive views need MORE exposure, not LESS.
Anonymous	NULL	5017	NULL
Suzanne	Gehring	3211	Save our voice.
		43213	
		43206	
		43214	Progressive talk radio has been a big part of my life the last 2 years. The airwaves belong to the people, not to a company. The majority of people in Central Ohio see how bad things have gotten with the right-wing in control of Congress and bringing no checks and balances to the abuses of power, the delusional ideology, and the arrogance of the Bush administration. Yet now the only progressive talk radio station in Central Ohio has decided that what we need is more right-wing hate speech, propaganda, and disinformation! The American people are fair,-- unlike the bullies on conservative talk radio, FOX "News", and those recently relieved of their leadership roles in Congress, like James Sensenbrenner, who put Rep. John Conyers in "storage room B" when Conyers was holding investigative hearings. People want accountability from their leaders, and now that we might finally have that, WTPG will not be there to let us know what is happening. Instead, we will be offered Laura Ingraham, whose contempt for voters is so great that she would urge listeners to jam get-out-the-vote phone lines to keep people who vote for progressive, liberal, and Democratic candidates from going to the polls. When is she going to prison for this? Instead of knowledgeable, well-informed people like Thom Hartmann, we get Savage and Ingraham, whose main characteristics are hatred of liberals and an inability to have a civil conversation with anyone who isn't a bobblehead agreeing with everything they say. I for one will be taking the 1230am sticker off my car. I will be listening to Stephanie Miller, Thom Hartmann, and Rachel Maddow every day on the Internet whenever possible, and I will encourage others to do the same. The airwaves, like air itself, belong to me. They belong to average, working-class people. We will no longer leave them up for sale to those with the most money or let them be controlled by those in our society who seek to dehumanize their political
Anonymous	NULL	43055	NULL
Ahmad	Khair	43213	Who will be the voice of those who do not buy into the bush spinn??? America is a country made up of many ideas and views, only those who hate freedom would seek to stop ideas and voices they donot like.

udy	ell	3085	What is the reason for this terrible loss to the city of Columbus and central Ohio? If it is because there are not enough sponsors, just level with us! Give us some time and we will come up with more sponsors! We will need more than 16 days! If it is because Clear Channel's side lost the elections and this is retaliation, keep in mind that "what goes around comes around!" Just ask your Republican friends in Congress! (Yes, the ones who are crying about being excluded for a mere 100 hours!) Delay and Rove thought they could keep a permanent majority in Congress. They fell off their thrones with a thud that was heard around the world! Following in the footsteps of Karl Rove, Tom Delay, David Safavian, Jack Abramoff, Mark Foley, Randy "Duke" Cunningham,, Bob Ney, Conrad Burns, Rick Santorum, Curt Weldon et al, CLEAR CHANNEL WON' T ALWAYS BE IN ITS CURRENT" CAT-BIRD SEAT, EITHER! Once again, if this decision is merely the result of not having enough sponsors, just tell us! BE HONEST WITH US! Tell us how many sponsors you need and give us some time and we will find them! By the way, bear in mind that the air waves belong to us, too! We will not be abused and take it lying down. We will do what needs to be done to reclaim our air waves! We will start by asking our lawmakers to subpoena Clear Channel as well as their friends at the FCC!
Susan	Goellner	3202	Freedom of speech is precious. Losing this station's current programming is a tragedy.
John		3215	Columbus needs to hear the non-rightwing news and opinion. We don't need Michael Savage.
carline	woodard	3054	
J	Freda	3221	This is a terrible decision by Clear Channel. Outside of progressive radio, there are virtually no alternatives to conservative viewpoints in radio or the mainstream media.
Ann	Powers	3214	
Lynn	Maitland	3214	Regardless of the number of listeners (reason being given for changing the format) it is irresponsible for Clear Channel to remove the only progressive voice in central Ohio. There are plenty of avenues for conservative talk radio, so losing one would not have nearly as negative an impact as this move does. I think this is just one more proof why large corporations like Clear Channel should not be allowed to own and operate (and therefore control) the airwaves in so many areas of the country. It is an risk to our First Amendment rights and needs to be addressed, particularly when they so blatantly show no obligation to represent all voices and perspectives on social and political issues.
Molly	Miller	3221	Please keep progressive radio in Columbus!
Debria	Imler	5601	
Lori	Hartman	3231	Satellite Radio HERE I COME!!! (Already looking for it)! refuse to listen or support a biased radio station that will only hear one viewpoint and not the other!! SHAME on you Clear Channel!!!! SHAME!!
Pat	Jarrett	3235	Yes, SHAME on you Clear Channel!!
James and Jennifer	Akers	3031	How can you do this. Stephanie Miller is an awesome program. You've lost a bunch of people here at the office. SHAME ON YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 610 is an
kirsten	barr		reason.

Niccole	Reing-Hurley	43202	We need an alternative voice!! I listen regularly to Air America Radio (every single day) and find myself informed, entertained, and enlightened on the issues that matter to me and my family. Please give up the act that right wing ranters are the only profit source in radio.
Joseph	Phillips	43202	
D	Hohman	43209	Occasional listener the past few years. Now is the perfect time to add to the part of the content that is pro- in progressive talk (as opposed to the anti-). Clear Channel needs more local content for community building, and has not even scratched the surface of what is possible with progressive radio content. To eliminate the station now is shortsighted and would just alienate those listeners with this important demographic. I will not be tuning in to a "general talk" station, it's just too boring.
Rose & Steve	Marsden	43017	Clear Channel does not believe in America and the freedoms and values that young Americans are dying for----one of which is the freedom of speech and not to be dictated one radical conservative point of view.
James	Koziuk	43214	There is nothing "progressive" about your intentions, see them through and you will fail. We will find a new outlet for our voice. (is anyone working on that by the way ?)
D. K.	Frasca	43023	The airways belong to the people regardless of the fact that corporate media has "paid" for their "rights" via contributions to politicians who represent corporate interests for the right price. Return Air America to us! We have enough right wing propoganda being aired on OUR airwaves! Clear Channel has way too much power. DK Frasca
Kenneth	Smith	43068	Using my seek button I was able to find at least 5 stations that come in clearly in Columbus spouting right wing venom. Not a single station with an opposing voice. The last thing Columbus needs is another bunch of lunatics screaming and ranting dragging the country further into the abyss of hatred and divisive politics. It also does not need additional sports talk. Clear Channel is garbage, but hey, they have to return the favor to the right wing lawmakers that rigged the system to allow them such massive media ownership in individual markets.
clinton	allen	43230	We already have more than enough conserviative radio stations 610AM and 700AM. Bring back an alternative voice.
Christopher	Mullen	43215	
Wilbur	Hane	43016	I know many people who listen to the progressive talk station who will not under the new format. There are plenty of conservative talk shows available in this market already. I wonder why the only progressive station in this market is being changed?
Niels	Hansen	43125	The passion of the audience for Progressive Talk is such, that it should be no problem finding advertisers who will support the format, and who want to reach this audience. The business case is an easy one to make: Increasing ratings, shows that beat out right wing shows in their timeslot, passionate listeners and a good cause. This format deserves a spot on the dial, if not with Clear Channel, then with someone else.
Amanda	Powell	43207	A new governor and no 1230 all in one day...talk about one step forward and two steps back! I am so disappointed.
david	Vaziri	43054	We need an alternative source of news and discourse as provided by 1230 am in the past
Jason	Haas	44303	That a state the size of Ohio, with a plenitude of media markets, should have but one progressive, left-leaning radio outlet statewide is appalling.
Jill	Andrews	43023	I listen to progressive talk while commuting to and from work, and during the day when I travel. This is very disappointing and frustrating! Please bring progressive talk back to Central Ohio!
James	Ucker	43138	We already have right wing talk shows, we don't need more. What we need is a balance from the liberal-progressive side.

Tom	Karl	43081	All voices must be heard. Why cancel the only progressive radio station in central Ohio? It's one more reason why I actively choose not to listen to any Clear Channel station.
Yvette	T	43221	You ought to be ASHAMED of yourselves Clear!!
Dr. Mary A	Cox-Saltzburg	43230	Because we are intelligent people and should be exposed to a varriety of issues and view point. Our readio listening should be a choice and NOT legislated to or for us. Its just un-American to not want to hear all sides of any issue and live in a box.
Wendi	S.	43081	I'm apalled!!
Christi	Harkins	43110	If Clear Channel takes away progressive talk, then I will turn off my radio. I will listen to the programs online and download podcasts. I may lose my station, but their advertisers will lose a listener. They are choosing to spread their listeners over 2 stations rather than gain listeners by appealing to a wider audience. Sounds like a stupid business move to me. Bye bye
Tamara	Davis	43204	
Elizabeth	Rodriquez	43204	
Don	Nelson	43224	
Dennis	McKinsey	43026	I would have attended the rally but I just learned about it when it was nearly over.
Philip	Boes	45233	
Garry	Vershinin	43054	I will be checking new advertisers to see who not to buy from.
Molly	Schneider	43214	
Gary	Skitt	45223	I listened to WCKY five days a week, about 30-35 hours. In America we need different points of view, not just the far right. Thank-you
Kenneth	Phillips	43205	This is a very strange business decision by Clear Channel. I hope they are willing to switch back after this new format fails.
Mariann	Fahrenheit	43085	We need progressive radio. My family enjoys Big Eddie!
Mark	Abbott	43230	We have a right to have the choice to listen to all schools of thought in politics, EVEN ON OHIO. The choice to pull Progressive Talk Radio obviously comes from a company who is apparently a GOP lap dog with no backbone and no heart. THE DECISION IS NOTHING SHORT OF ORWELLIAN. IT IS MONSTEROUS. The people are the one's who call the shots in the country last time I read it. Not some politic strategists trying to get the GOP back into power. WHOEVER ADVERTIZES ON WTVN CAN KISS OUR MONEY GOODBYE!
Maura	Moran	43230	Progressive 12:30am was the ONLY radio station I listened to! What a shame, what a sham!
Skip	Ricketts	43782	
Vivian	Bruce	43230	It seems odd that, on the first day of Ohio's "new direction", we lose our radio voice. Obviously, people are listening. Do the right thing—give the people what they want!
Deborah	Green-Lauber	43202	Keep Progressive Radio Alive in Central Ohio
Bill	Carr	53121	I will NOT patronize any of their advertisers.
C.	Harrington	43123	I will not patronize any Clear Channel sponsors if progressive radio is removed from the air in Columbus.
rnonica	carroll	43215	I love AirAmerica Radio and am devastated that Columbus with its majority of Dems would lose access to it. I will support businesses that advertise on a progressive format, but will boycott the hate-filled persons you've chosen to replace them. Please reconsider!
Rheta	Gallagher	43220	This is an outrage. Keep Progressive Radio on air in central Ohio. I will not patronize Clear Channel advertisers or sponsors.
Laura	Montz	43023	In a democracy we need real choices within the media. Don't take one of those choices away from us by removing progressive radio.
Marna	McGrievy	43204	
Barry	Friedman	43235	

ynthia cott	Chabot Immel	43221 80482	
			Please keep radio from the neo-cons. We need other opinions, DO NOT lead us into the way pre-Hitler Germany was. You can stop this by keeping more opinions on the air.
rothy	terhune	43016	The programs on progradio feature so many intelligent & insightful people offering spontaneous analysis of day to day political events - the bulk of which is not offered anywhere else in Columbus area, including The Dispatch. (exception is NPR ) During the AM commute Stephanie et al makes me laugh out loud - a good way to begin a day- & helps me slow down, saving much ticket \$\$\$. Also, shouting @ my radio is much more constructive than shouting @ the car in front of me. Lastly& most importantly, Progradio should not be discontinued because that would represent ONE MORE FREEDOM BEING LOST TO ALL of us.
ancy	moore	43221	Please do not remove Air America from your station. It is so refreshing to have a choice of programs to listen to. I thoroughly enjoy Big Ed Schultz, Stephanie Miller, Rachael Maddox. Al Franken, Randi Rhodes. They had a big influence in Columbus. Please review Air America.
thanne	beirne	91978	WE the Americans need Progressive Radio. not only Ohio But the whole country
ndrew	beirne	91978	
acy	Bonaventura	43230	I think it is important that we have at least one progressive station in Columbus, Ohio. As the recent elections have revealed there are a number of more liberal minded citizens in the central Ohia area who appreciate a radio station that represents their views. We have plenty of conservative outlets here...how about the liberal view?
renda	Loveless	43213	
mil	Sattler	43214	I am really tired of people dicating to me what I can and cannot choose to listen to
ay	B	43204	I'm Tired of the conservative media controlled airwaves. I am tired of the political figures and military not sticking to their oath "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic;" I took this oath when I joined the marines. Stand up Shout out and get out country back to the way it was supposed to be !!!! Quit pussyfooting around america and grow a pair ! Stand up for your freedom or you will loose it, as we are already seeing it happen before our eyes. Were just too afraid to say anything !
n	tillie	43235	I feel the list of advertisers supporting this change of programming should be published, then contact everyone we can with the opinion to them, NOT to ever purchase whatever product they may be marketing. If an advertiser would support a right-wing format and not progressive, it is also my opinion that there would be something dishonest with that company and should not be trusted any more that the Bush Administration -and the public should be aware of this. The progressive format was successfull in Central Ohio. The fact that it was, is probably the reason it was cancelled. Clear Channel's true motives should be investigated. I will never listen to the new station - including the affiliated spons programs and feel I should do my best to influence others n
Matt	Indrutz	43223	
Eric	McKeever	43215	
Felicity	Steele	43220	Please keep the airways open and consider all people in Central Ohio, not just the far right. Felicity
John	Perry	43220	It is clear why terrestrial broadcast radio is dying. It is the bean counters who think that maximizing profits in the short run is everything. But if every station carries the same programming people will listen to NONE of them. Internet radio has everything. And Clear Channel gets nada. Wake up and smell the coffee. WTPG was unique in the Columbus market. Take it away and you will move more people off the airwaves and onto the internet. RIP

Robert	Pryor	44905	It's a sad day when the only alternative viewpoint on the radio in central ohio (besides NPR) is squelched. That's because they're scared, folks. People are starting to think for themselves. Please save Progressive radio. I, just like others, will NOT support any of the new advertisers and will stay away from anything Clear Channel.
Brendan	Morrice	43023	
Ann	Zindler	43201	It was the only SANE news station on the air. We will really miss it.
Charles	Hicks	43026	
Chris	Fannin	43203	
tony	klco	43202	how can we have won the election but not be the majority of listeners ?
Randy	Klco	44720	Stop trying to silence the majority!!!!!!
Jennifer	Fenza	02130	
Diane B Barnes	Barnes	43026	
Anonymous	NULL	43230	NULL
Eva	Hager	43015	
paula	jordan	43068	this is ridiculous...the only decent station on in columbus...i will continue my sirius subscription in order to hear the shows that i've grown to love over the last 2 years
Lorraine	Cashman	43214	
Orion	McFaddin	90814	
Marlene and Jim	Heyvelt	98366	Progressive radio is the way both Republicans and Democrats can discuss issues. There is no screening of calls.. The progressive issues are important to know so people can determine who they want to support. We have very few radio programs with progressive talk. We need a balance between the hundreds of conservative talking hosts and a few for progressive talking hosts. Be Fair!!!!
Tim	McGivern	96821	Obviously, there is a burgeoning market for progressive talk radio. Don't be stupid and shoot yourselves in the foot by offending this market demographic. Dont' change WPTG's format!!!
Anonymous	NULL	43230	NULL
Steve	Borror	43123	What's the big deal? I love the Air America shows but won't AA just find another venue here in Columbus? There are plenty of other stations that I would imagine would jump at the chance? I will have faith that one way or the other this side of the political spectrum will not be left back into the dark.
Karl	Norton	44118	
Lori	Fannin	43203	I find it hard to believe that WTPG didn't have enough listeners requiring the station to cancel the format and take off progressive talk radio and Air America; yet, those who listened to WTPG are the voters who voted in the winning party. Democrats! Explain that to me, please! or is this is how the right wing conservatives think they will win back votes. There is enough "talk on the air for callers to talk about sports, financial advice or general topics including politics, and now we've lost all of the great shows that listeners tuned in for. Until you switch back, you've lost more than you'll
Katie	Krenelka	143026	

r. Thomas	orton Smith	4720	A message for "greg brooks," petition signer number 2433: If you're going to mock, at least be literate about it. For your edification, I provide your remarks with corrections: " It is fun listen to all you left-wing hate mongers [use a hyphen: " hate-mongers" ] complain about losing your precious little radio voice. [The] [f]irst thing you have to learn, [your comma is unnecessary] is that operating a radio station is about making a profit, not about having different types of formats. If your so called [again, a hyphen is necessary: " so-called" ] progressive talk [this is use/mention mistake; it should be " progressive talk" ] was profitable [in a counterfactual conditional the subjunctive tense should be used, to wit: " if your so-called' progressive talk' WERE profitable . . ."], then there would be plenty of owners knocking on your door to air it. Just because there is a ratings increase, does not mean there is a corresponding profit increase, that would depend on the cost of the program [This is very awkward; I would suggest: " A ratings increase does not imply a corresponding increase in profits; that would depend upon the cost of the program." ] If all you left wing [please discover the hyphen; it' s " left-wing" ] haters think that having progressive radio is so important, then ban together to buy your own station. Second, having right to free speech, [the comma here is unnecessary] does not mean the rest of us has [subject/verb agreement4 should be " have" ] to listen, [a semi-colon might be nice here] it only means that the government can't arrest you for speaking out. Third, I continue to be amazed at how many of you say that right wing [it' s " right-wing" ]; did you cut English class in high school? ] radio is full of hate, yet I bet you can't sight [should be " cite" ] one example of any hate rush [English capitalizes proper names—should be " Rush] has said [awkward construction], because he is just a lovable little fuzz ball [where are the commas when you need them?]. So in the name of right wing ["There you go again!"] radio [comma here] I will wish love, peace, and the joy in your future endeavors." [get a dictionary—or at least use your spell check.] Your composition could use some editing. I have to give it a D. Please see me during my office hours before your next outburst.
imone	lorgen	3202	Although I seldom had a chance to listen (certainly not at work) I feel it's important to have alternative voices. Especially in a city and county that's majority Democratic, this represents an imposition of a right wing opinion of the station owners and is the strongest argument for more varied ownership of media.
ennifer	utiel	3228	Conservative talk radio has been losing ground the past few years and there is a great market for progressive radio in central Ohio and all across this state. Conservatives have been building their media networks for decades while progressive media is just getting started and already we have gained so much ground. The audience is there. We need 1230 progressive talk in Columbus.
oretta	eets	0165	Keep progressive radio on the air. We want to hear all sides.
ay	uidicci	3065	I am surprised that Clear Channel survives. The FM channels that they own are horrid. I wonder if the maximum amount od CD's that they own is above ten. And then they finally think outside the box on the AM side and blow it. LOL. If these idiots owned a funeral parlor no one whould die. Hopefully, the right wing media big dollar empire will continue to melt away. Avoid these chumps like the plague and thier advertisers.
ohn	turakami	3228	Dont make me face another morning without Stephanie Miller!
ames	rowne	4920	Democracy demands that all sides of any issue must have the opportunity to be freely expressed and heard. This is not always a pleasant exercise but nevertheless essential to the concept of a healthy and therefore viable democracy
my	lart	43212	
atrick	volfe	43214	(I miss big ed.

Amanda	Ralph	43220	As the past three elections have demonstrated, a strong voice of the population chants for balance. Conservatives on the political right have bought up radio stations and are using them to skew broadcast on the airwaves. What is broadcast should reflect the population the broadcast is aimed toward. <u>Keep Progressive Radio in Columbus!</u>
Rose	Callahan	43205	What does talking about sports and other GARBAGE help to change the country? <u>You are making an error with this change.</u>
Jim	Wilson	43016	I have been a loyal listener for a couple of years now. I will no longer be listening to 1230AM with the new format change.
Jackie	Donoghue	43085	My son has served in Iraq and is currently on his second tour. Our service people deserve the commentary offered by smart radio. Please bring back progressive radio to the Columbus, Ohio market.
William	Beer	43081	WE need a voice!
Chris	Metzger	43110	There's enough crap on the radio. <u>Keep something good for once!</u>
Kim	McCoy	43160	
Robin	Allen	43082	This format change is an insult to all thinking Ohioians. When you can find Rush on 6 different stations - and to have the one progressive voice taken away from us is ridiculous! Face the facts Clear Channel - progressive politics are here to stay....so give us our station back.
John	Six	43146	What about all the emails Clear Channel collected with their add claiming they had a message board on WTPG. Clear Channel will not have me listening to ANY radio station and I will be watching state and federal <u>issues concerning telecommunications.</u> We need to have our representatives undo the monopoly laws they have passed.
Karina	Wetherbee	43214	How sad it is that this country is becoming a land of one-permissible view. It goes in lock-step with opening peoples' mail and listening in on phone-calls. Another sad chapter in the downfall of the modern world's "Rome".
kevin	holland	43228	Unacceptable.
Brian	Ford	43213	It is an insult to the people of Columbus to not only remove progressive programming, but to then replace it with just the opposite. This is why the dial is losing to the satellite.
Jason	Miller	43215	How pathetic and disgusting you are, Clear Channel. We do not need, nor do we want any more ultra-conservative, neo-fascist radio in this city (Columbus). My XM Satellite Radio arrived today and from now on I will take extreme pleasure in permanently disregarding ALL Clear Channel stations and advertisers. Wake up and get with <u>he (progressive) program</u> we the people are not buying your lies and nonsense.
Janet	Parsons	43147	Please bring back progressive talk radio.....it's only fair.
Brett	Gill	43212	
Darlene	Kelso	45419	
Eric	Wagner	43232	Radio as a format is dying anyways... 1) just download the shows you list to over bittorrent 2) listen on your PC or Ipod 3) profit Clearchannel and their ilk have long prospered by catering to the lowest common denominator... you don't have to suffer. Man i hate Laura Ingrahm.
Lawrence	Kistler	02492	
Barbara	Pavichevich	43204	I want liberal radio back on the air, Ed Schultz, Stephanie Miller, Randy Rhodes, <u>bring it back TODAY</u>
Michelle	Thomas	43026	Please bring back WTPG. I was an avid listener to programs such as Ed Schultz, Stephanie Miller, Al Franken, Rachel Maddou, etc. I will not support the new format of conservative programming in Columbus that Clear Channel has implemented and will boycott all affiliated sponsors: certainly feel it is criminal to monopolize any media including the AM dial.

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Stephanie	Springfeldt	43228	Air America on WTPG was the ONLY radio station I listened to for 2 years. I supported the advertisers on the station and was dismayed whenever there were mistakes made in regards to commercials (which happened often) because I was afraid that advertisers would pull their ads. These mistakes were the fault of Clear Channel, not Air America. Now we as listeners are paying the price. We need the voice of opposition to the current administration and Air America plays an important part in our democracy today. BRING AIR AMERICA BACK TO COLUMBUS!!!
Kenneth	Carter	90808	Advertisers and businesses apparently have forgotten that liberals buy some products and maybe will selectively not buy certain other products.
Korine	Fujiwara	43220	
Doug	Alford	43342	Democracy only works when the public is informed. I learned a lot over the last year by listening to the Air America programs. And I was entertained. This is a sad day in central Ohio.
Phil	Sheridan	43130	Leave our progressive radio alone!
Cameron	Bennett	43220	
Harold	Collins	43081	Well, I will be listening elsewhere once I find out which advertisers support this outrage. It is sad to realize that those whose politics cannot withstand the challenge of opposing viewpoints still resort to the suppression of ideas rather than honest discourse and debate. Like schoolyard bullying, such tactics exude cowardice, not strength. When you silence the voices, you do not destroy the ideas. You create martyrs. Choice is freedom.
Rich	Kackley	43149	(Un)Clear Channel's backers apparently do not appreciate FAIR & BALANCED programming. America thrives on the exchange of opposing viewpoints, and Clear Channel only seems to want one neo-con view for Central Ohio. Teddy Roosevelt broke up monopolies, maybe it's time to investigate broadcast corporations.
Dona	Chandler	43201	I was stunned, angered and then saddened when I turned on my radio this morning to what I thought was Air America and instead got the same B.S. that can be found in too many venues today with the likes of the garbage spewing Bill Oraly and Rush Limberger. Give me Stephanie and Franken and Rachael, clear thinking, clear speaking and sharp witted folks all. Until they come back, I'll listen to books on tape, my money is better spent that way and I can choose what I want to listen to.
Lela	Mendoza	43220	
Fred	Cloe	43147	I listened to WTPG every day. Could not believe the format change and jumped on the internet to find out what happened. Listened to a few hours worth of the new programming and had to remove 1230 from my preset stations. It wasn't about talk radio, it was about a point of view other than the right-wing hate spewed across the radio dial these days. Time for XM.
brian	humble	43021	"your news station" what a joke!
Paula	Otter	44212	
j	lundman	43085	give us a choice. who won Ohio.. not the conservative talk show listeners
mark	schroeder	43065	plea r th format h n e.
1	Cunningham	43123	It's interesting that it was pulled off just as larger advertisers began broadcasting on the station. Is it because people actually were listening that the station was pulled?
Nathalie	Maerschack	43202	
Michael	Kent	43220	Listen to the voices of the community.
C&T	Soliz	43085	Please bring back progressive talk radio!! There are already conservative formats in Columbus. We want to hear a liberal point of view! AM1230 is no longer a station we will listen to.
James	Reed	43207	Just as we start to get local traffic reports (the first sign of ANY local coverage outside of Reds Baseball) our station of 2 1/2 years is spirited away from us. We tripled the ratings, and were willing to grow if it became more local. Now we have WTVN 2. Pathetic.

Joseph	erry	13224	I had no idea this was going to happen. Image if you will, the shock I felt as I get in my car for the morning commute to work and I hear the noise that is Laura Ingraham. I consider getting out of my car and jumping in front of the first COTA bus I saw. After short while when I realize that this was not the answer and that the bus gotten away. That something more need to be done. So I will tight. DOWN WITH CLEAR CHANNEL!!! Unless, of course, they brina back a Air America Radio.
James	rtte	13123	
Julie	mall	13110	
Jeff	mall	13110	
Ryan	aelin	13147	Seriously... who needs more of the same? Corporate America just could seem to be able stomach diseenting opinion, so... let's squash it. Seriously shortsighted and close minded. Well, 1230 is no longer on my presets in my
David	yder	13040	Keep progressive radio in Columbus!!
chris	chulz	15431	Terrestrial Radio is Dead. Podcasts and Sirius my friends, Podcasts and Sirius.
Farren	huck	14224	It looks like the "Corporate Madia" is getting scared. They should be.
david	wa	13214	Air America am 1230 in Columbus, Ohio is one of the few bright spots in radio. Those of us who are saturated with only one side of the argument, ir "Blackwellesque"... (he's out... thankfully!) need to have another point of view. I support all advertisers of "Air America Radio" and will vehemently boycott anyone who opposes the exercise of our "First Amendment" rights This voice of sane America needs to be heard.... SAVE IT!
Robin	apier	13229	Please don't set us out to drift in the choppy, shark-infested seas of the Conservative Right. Toss us in Columbus a life saver by bringing back Progressive 1230.
Erin	illiland	13212	What is this? Clear Channel. For gods sake, do the right thing and put Al Franken, and everyone else we love back on. Do the right thina.
Beverly	erry	13224	I thought the Democrats won the last election. Shouldn't that tell you that Ohions want to hear some progressive shows? What is this? Like we need mo of the same ec io BS. Please bring back Air America radio.
Dana	rensch	13214	This cancellation of Air America ig is t stupid; I never listen to any radio OTHER than 12:30, now I will never tune it in. I can't believe this is happening. Right wing talk radio is not going to sell in Columbus, OH, so the marketing decisions underlying this change are incompetent. If Clear Channel is in the business of attracting listerners, it just lost bia in Columbus, Ohio. Reverse course!!!
Chris	ampbell	11701	We are dealing with the same thing here in the Boston area. We need to stick together and fight for free speech. If people still believe the media is liberal Fox news and all the right wingnuts need to be taken down and see for who they are. Bring Progressive talk back to Columbus Ohio
Kay	eimers	15387	This is unbelievable.
Ashlee	lark	43212	
Heather	ittenhouse	43015	
Greg	olvin	43229	Isn't it bad enough that we've had to hear Rush and Glenn Beck on the air in Columbus. Do we really need to be subjected to the stupidity of morons like Michael Savage & Laura Ingraham, who frequently, almost daily, appear as Keith Olbermann's nominees for Worst Person in the World." I was horrified to hear the call letters 610 WTVN being broadcast on my beloved progressive talk channel, but I assumed that was only a temporal thing, an unfortunate result of the Buckeye fervor. The launching of WTPC last year was the only reason I listened to AM or any other radio. I would like to thank Clear Channel for making the decision whether to listen to talk radio or my MP3 player a whole lot easier.

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Michelle	Colvin	43229	Thanks Clear Channel for giving me back control of our car radio. Every time we got into the car, my husband would turn on Progressive Talk 1230 and I would be forced to learn what's really going on in our government. With WTPG off the air, I can go back to being completely oblivious to what's really happening in Washington. I like being lied to a whole lot more.
michael	newton	43202	I've listened to 1230 am in the morning almost every day for around 2 years. I'm really upset about this change. I had a feeling it wouldn't last too much longer. I can't stand the the right wing rants I hear on the other am stations in the morning. I find it all too convient that right after the recent election, Clear Channel decides to flex it's conservative muscles to silence the voting majority. It seems that the liberal/reasonable message is actually getting out there and people are paying attention . Now the Columbus radi air waves are completely conservative there is NO balance whatsoever. Aren't there any left wing millionares out there who can purchase a radio
Andrew	Snapp	92517	I am a truck driver and I enjoy the interviews I hear when I pass through central Ohio. I am afraid the new station(WYTS) won't carry interviews with Henry Waxman or Sen.Patrick Leahy.
ennifer	Newton	43232	
David	(Seaman	114620	
Amy	Myer	14620	
Devin	de Gruyl	43123	
kristin	patton	43201	
Jeff	Clark	43221	I listen to WTPG at drive time and other times as I can, and support their advertisers. I would not listen to replacement by knuckle-dragging talk show hosts, and urge 1230 to continue the progressive format. Jeff Clark
Robb	Streicher	43220	
Jessica	Billy	43232	
brit	gross	143830	enough conservative radio, bring back liberal voices!
Timothy	Wilson	143055	Is Clear Channel not making enough from controlling the programming on every other station that it Keep liberal voices--on the air.
Carolyn	Bowman	43026	I will not be tuning into "Talk 1230"!
Benjamin	Lammers	43112	Until the progressive format was dropped from 1230 AM, I nearly
			you are now.
theresa	vallen	02061	
jayne	zink	43202	I want it back!!!
Vijay	Varanasi	43202	
Michael	Bussard	43211	Again, the voice of sanity has been silenced.
Anonymous	NULL	43211	NULL
KAT	T	15323	Jim Quinn is a GREAT guy and very insightful. If you all would listen to him then you would learn a great truth about current events instead of listening to the babble that Airhead America spewed. I was raised a democrat (not a progressive mind you) and I was shown the light by listening to Quinn. GOD BLESS AMERICA
Andrew	Saturn	43201	I basically had no warning of this, I thought I woke up in an episode of The Twilight Zone (I tuned in assuming it was another guest host, but then they started talking about how "beefing up troops in Iraq is a great idea" ...wtf?)
steve	chordas	43212	1230 am was the only chanel that was on in my vehicles, not now !
Benay	Irwin	43235	

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Henry	Vogner	3112	You all make a mistake in assuming that because people voted for democrats that liberals hold the majority, and you go further off the edge when you state that progressives are the majority, as progressives are a small but vocal minority. IF it were any other way, Air America would not have trouble capturing and keeping an audience. You and AI F would be more successful and better served by debating the issue rather than calling people morons and knuckle draggers. I suspect you can't, since it does not pass basic tests of logic, reason or common sense.
Edna	Bambrick	3701	I am shaking in ANGER!!! Tears are literally leaping from my eyes! How can they <b>do this</b> ?
Kevin	Cecil	3212	
Joe	Crump	3207	I am truly, truly, saddened... I fear the end is near. This is one of the signs, right? We have allowed the pious right too much control. They have crept upon us in the dark. At the whims of their purse strings, they control OUR military, dictate foreign policy, throw elections, and yes, filter our media. We must stop them now our ours will be the generation blamed for allowing FASCISM to rule a once great nation. Vote Vote Vote...
Teresa	Hagerman	3229	Air America programs, particularly Franken, Schultz, and Hartmann provided thoughtful and intelligent commentary that cannot be found anywhere else in Columbus. Substantive interviews with political leaders, writers, activists, and journalists are rare on commercial radio. Please reconsider and bring back smart radio.
Jon	Shane	3344	Think about those public service announcements that radio and tv stations air occasionally that state: "We are licensed by the FCC to serve the public interest etc". How is the radio-listening public being served by only hearing one side of the issues? Why is it that as soon as a Dem majority wins the federal elections, then a progressive voice is silenced in central ohio? Not only silenced but replaced by a even more severe right-leaning media outlet than has been heard in central ohio for many years. This is pure crap and I'm tired of not getting our voice heard in the MSM in general.
Miriam	Bernstein	5213	We lost our access to progressive radio. Instead of Jerry Springer, Al Franken, Ed Schultz & Randy Rhodes, we are getting the dribble of Dr. Laura. Ohio Radio Station owners should have more self respect. They should present both sides of issues. Thank God for Public Radio.
Holly	Stanley-Jacobson	3160	
Anonymous	NULL	3112	NULL
Janet	Norris	3050	I guess I'll have to rely on NPR for all my radio needs, since Clear Channel showed they have no respect for Columbus free-thinkers.
James	White	3220	I will record all advertisers on 1230 AM for one week and then begin writing letters/emails asking them to support progressive talk radio. If I do not get a positive response than I'll use Bill O'Reilly's tactic of suggesting a boycott of all advertisers. I hope the rest of you will join my efforts.
Neal	frazier	3035	
Joan	Chianese	3235	BRING BACK INTELLIGENT RADIO TO COLUMBUS, OHIO. O'REILLY? ARE THEY SERIOUS, IF I WANT HOT AIR AND B.S. I'LL LISTEN TO BUSH'S SPEECH TONIGHT, NOT ONE OF HIS LACKEYS.
Samuel	hoar	43205	
Ed	Glinski	43081	

Joe	Dinardo	17771	Hearing all this whining is precious. Liberals complain about loss of  you will never garner any interest beyond a few dozen moonbats. The forecast is for more stormy weather ahead for progressives!
Rick	Redfern	43123	We need to find people willing to buy a radio station to keep liberal voices on the air. I'm in, who will join me?
Mary	Chapman	43081	We need our voice heard!
Brooke	Howell	43065	
CARREN	HOWELL	43065	
Tyler	Landis	43228	
Wendy	Detwiler	43221	Please bring back progressive talk. It was the only thing that gave me hope for our 'democracy'. All voices need to be heard!
Concetta	Persichetti	43213	
Tom	Ward	43205	
Tonja	Ahijevych	43235	
Chris	Harris	43016	Yet again conservatives ignore the facts and look to their ideology to make decisions.
Andrew	Monaghan	43202	Keep talk radio balanced.
Barbara	Seagle	43224	I loved Stephanie Miller and Al Franken. They are gone, and so is my radio. I won't listen to what you think I should listen to.
Bob	Skinner	43235	I'm very disappointed in the format change at WTPG. What Columbus does not need is more conservative talk radio. Give us alternative programming.
Anonymous	NULL	17771	NULL
Rebecca	Wheeler-Grieve	43085	Americans need choice. Keeping Air America off the airwaves limits our listening options. There's nothing to be afraid of, Clear Channel. You don't need to deny Americans access to a variety of information options. We can be trusted to ferret out the truth. Limiting listening options to Savage Nation or Rush doesn't provide a fair playing field (but then you know that's why we're going Air America back to Clear Channel. The audience is here. didn't you hear? We went Blue!
Alys	Myers	02122	
Teresa	Smith	43223	
KEVIN	LUDWICK	43123	GIVE US FREEDOM TO CHOOSE.
Marjorie	Preston	44118	
Jacqueline	Pasternack	43220	I don't think it's fair that Glenn Beck gets dumped and he gets to move his show to another station while Franken and company don't. I believe that Clear Channel should be renamed Clear Conflict of Interest since they also own a sister station that already had the rival format and that they should not be allowed to own multiple stations in the same market if they are going in just to shut up people that have a different political opinion than the one that they like.
Anonymous	NULL	15323	NULL
Darren	Kennedy	43023	The insult is Savage Nation. Why can't you at least negotiate for some of the more popular hosts to be on 614 or 1230 (IE Ed Shultz)
ashley	puckett	43223	
Guy	Scarozza	43201	I will listen to this new format only long enough to find out the advertisers and then boycott them for life. I have supported the liberal radio advertisers loyally, Select Comfort (wonderful bed), and proflowers, etc. I now will be negatively supporting those propping up this right wing agenda.