

I was recently notified of several proposals you wish to enact upon radio broadcasts. While I realize you probably have good intentions, I must point out that these proposals not only infringe upon our Constitutional rights as given by the First Amendment, but also do not make much sense when much thought is given to them.

In consideration of your proposal that radio stations take advice from an advisory board might seem that it would be helpful, I must point out that most radio stations, in not all and not just including Christian stations, have their own agenda. If these advisory panels do not share these views, the stations will still have to change their programming to reflect their view. As there is no complete way to insure that all types of view will be represented, this seems to be counter-indicative of what you want.

Among other complaints are the costs that would be increased by several others of your propositions. Relocation seems not only unnecessary but requires a lot of money. For several Christian stations that are listener-supported, this could mean they would be required to close down their stations. Similarly, the new proposition that would not allow technology that lets the station play when there are not employees present would necessitate that the station pay for at least one employee at all times, another seemingly reward-less enactment.

Air 1, K-Love, and others are not only listened to for their Christian message. They are also listened to for their one-hundred percent clean station. The music is clean, the message is good, and there are no commercials to interrupt an otherwise child-friendly station. In a world full of profanity and other promiscuous behavior on radio and television, these stations are some of the only places left that allow for peace of mind for parents concerned about what their children are learning. Please consider this before making the proposals laws.

Sincerely,  
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