

I have been listening to Air1 for about 3 1/2 years now. I had never heard of this radio station while living in Southern California. I moved, with my wife and daughter, to Bend, Oregon in the summer of 2003. It was in our return to Bend after a trip back from California late that summer where we found Air1. We were driving through Southern Oregon looking for a radio station when we heard some familiar songs. We kept listening and now have been listening for over 3 1/2 years. I must say that not only do I enjoy Air1, but my 4 year old daughter loves to sing along to the songs and my 2 1/2 year old boy loves to dance to them. Many of the songs are songs that I grew up listening to at church and now to have my own kids singing and dancing along to them, is such an awesome experience. It has truly been a life changing experience to have Air1 to listen to and my family and I would be lost without it. It plays exclusively in our cars and at our house. Losing the ability to enjoy this music and for the message that it brings to my kids, would be monumental.

I don't stand alone in my comments about Air1 in Bend Oregon. Many of our friends that live in Bend listen to Air1. On numerous occasions my friends and I have discussed the blessing Air1 is to our lives and our community.

Speaking directly about the proposed rule changes that I have been contacted about, this would be a forever changing law instituted that probably would carry irreversible effects. I don't liken it to abortion necessarily, but in the radio world, this could lead to very serious divisions among the American public.

Not to sound jaded, but I really don't want my children forced to listen to the derogatory junk that I grew up with. The radio is a great medium for gaining support for various public interests and sometimes agendas. I want to be able to choose what type of influence I listen to, not to mention choosing the way I rear my children.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my sentiments about Air1 and what it has done for me, my family, and my friends. I hope you will consider help keeping the best radio station that I have ever listened to untouched by these proposed rule changes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rick Stilson