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To the respectful members of the Federal Communication Commission:

I am writing in response to the proposed changes suggested regarding radio programming networks and the messages that they send across the airwaves. The proposed changes include a community board, representative of the population, that would have input on what radio stations can broadcast. Radio networks would also have to confirm that they are displaying messages that would be accepted by a cross-section of the community. While these changes may sound good on paper, in reality there are a number of problems associated with them.

One of the wonderful things about radio broadcasting is that it can be used as a medium to display messages to people across a wide range. First Amendment freedom of speech rights allow for the American people to speak their minds freely while not having the fear of being scrutinized for their views. I agree, however, that certain messages of vulgar nature probably should not be permitted and I offer no support for these types of messages. I am in support, however, of stations that broadcast messages that stay true to certain belief systems. I speak in particular of Christian radio networks that transmit messages that conform to Christian teaching and philosophy.

The benefits that come from Christian radio are numerous and the current proposals would make it more difficult to get these messages out. If others are going to be allowed to dictate what Christian stations are allowed to broadcast, it will compromise their freedom of religious practice and speech. Those who are against the Christian faith will take it as an opportunity to try and send messages on Christian stations that are contrary to positive, Gospel driven messages that are trying to be sent out.

Christian radio networks help thousands of people on a daily basis to connect with others of their faith community. Christians use them to get personal inspiration and positive messages that help them deal with everyday life situations and circumstances. They are also helpful in dealing with extraordinarily difficult times in one's life when a helping hand is needed to make it to the end of the bumpy road. To make it more difficult for these stations to broadcast their messages of hope and inspiration would hurt millions of people across the country who depend on them for daily fulfillment. I know that Christian stations, such as KLOVE radio, have made a tremendous difference in my life and given me untold amounts of joy, peace, knowledge, and happiness.

These stations are not imposing their views on others who do not willfully want to listen to them. There is nothing negative that comes from Christian stations like the KLOVE network and censoring their messages would hold no practical purpose. It would be a clear violation of the rights to free speech and religion. It is my hope

that you take this into consideration when making your decision about the proposed changes.

Yours truly,

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