

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to radio broadcasting. I have been a listener of Air1 almost since the day it began broadcasting in Phoenix, Arizona. I love the fact that I can listen to a station that provides positive stories and music while still permitting open discussion of topics. Air1 does offer a religious message but that is what I desire to hear while listening to the radio. Not only does Air1 provide a place for me to feel connected to other people of my religion it also offers me a connection to the community. It announces events and gatherings that will be taking place in the Phoenix area. It also provides a positive attitude that brightens my day, particularly when I am having a bad day. I choose to listen to Air1 almost exclusively.

It is my choice on what I want to listen to in my car. If I did not want to hear the opinions or message on Air1 I would choose another radio station. I am against having a Community Advisory Board overseeing the broadcasting in my area. I do not listen to other radio stations and so it would be unfair of me to try and limit or oversee what they choose to say. If someone does not listen to Air1 they should not be allowed to determine what I listen too. This is a direct challenge to my right to free speech. I am in no way harassing anyone's right to free speech by choosing to listen to a particular radio station and they should not be limiting my right by censoring what I can listen too. Of all the proposed ideas, this one bothers me the most. I do not have the right to control radio stations that play country or promote such a lifestyle. I dislike country music very much. I have no business overseeing such a radio broadcast; I would be bias based on my dislike of the content. That does not mean these stations should not exist or should be regulated. I make my opinion clear by choosing not to listen to them. That is how it should be; that is capitalism at work.

As to requiring a station to be manned or requirements for additional staffing, this seems ridiculous. There is no need for the government to decide how many people are needed to make a business run. No one requires the business I work for now to have a specific amount of people on staff. Our business decides how many people we need based on our sales and ability to handle the guests coming in to our store. This is something that we oversee. The government can in no way, nor should it, look into all businesses and decide how many employees are needed. This would further effect an already precarious economy negatively. Money is very tight right now and to require additional staff would force many smaller stations, or those run on donations, to close. This would result in a loss of jobs and more people struggling. At first, this would seem like the creation of more jobs but by closing down businesses or stations more jobs would be lost. This same logic applies to limiting the use of translators. There is no need to take away our right to listen to our radio station of choice.

I choose to support Air1 with a monthly donation. By doing so I already show support for their impact upon my family and my community. I do not feel that adding any of these proposed rules would strengthen the impact of Air1 upon my community. These rules would affect my community negatively, restricting my choice of what I can listen too. They would take away my ability to choose what I

want to listen to and place it in the hands of someone I do not even know. This is not freedom of speech, this is not a republic or democracy, this is oligarchy, the rule of an elite few over the many. I have made my choice about what to listen too. If someone does not like it, it is relatively simple to change the radio station until they find something that they do enjoy. I would not expect to choose what they can listen too and I do not expect them to choose what I hear. Please leave the radio stations alone to offer what they choose. This is a free country and this is my choice.