

I am a mother, and I listen to KLOVE on every day. KLOVE is important to me and my family. We depend on the Christian music to keep us uplifted during our day, and it keeps us focused on what we do and how we live our lives. The way the world is now, we need that more than ever. We depend on the uplifting commentary of everyone at KLOVE too!

Any new FCC rules, policies or procedures must not violate First Amendment rights. The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM's proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don't share their values could face increased harassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible viewpoints to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present.

The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone has rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so – even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.

Many Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, as do many smaller market secular stations. (Also, KLOVE is a listener supported radio station!) Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and, (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks – and curtailed service is contrary to the public interest. We urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.