

I would like to comment on this proposed rule change. My specific concerns are the requirements for local broadcasters to obtain feedback from "local" citizens and adjust their programming accordingly. I am against this rule change. I believe that local stations should determine their content and the message that their programming reflects. It is up to individual stations to decide on what format to use, music style to air, etc. This is extremely significant in context of talk radio stations and religious/affiliated stations. If a station desires to broadcast a Christian message and format/style of music, I have two choices, listen or not. In any market, there are already a variety of choices and should I not like or agree with one, I am free to choose an alternative. I am deeply concerned that the proposed rule change would force conservative and/or Christian stations to accommodate opposing views. yet in almost all cases, if a Christian and/or conservative person attempts to do the same with those who proffer liberal/atheistic views, those on the left utilize their overwhelming access to major media outlets to cry foul. Simply stated, no matter how this is couched, it is an attempt to silence dissent against the PC liberal viewpoint. Do not say this isn't happening, just watch Ben Stein's new movie which documents how this occurs on college campuses every day. (I witnessed this first hand during my college years - over three decades ago!) This is just the latest attempt by the "tolerance" crowd to legally extend intolerance of any opposing view.

Sincerely,

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