

To whom it may concern:

I would like to explain why I am against proposal number No. 04-233.

First, and most importantly to me, if this proposal were to pass it would require every radio station to take programming advice from community advisory boards representative of the area's population. This would require Christian broadcasters to seek advice from non-Christians and even those opposed to the Christian message.

Furthermore, local broadcasters serve their local communities with relevant local news, public service announcements, weather and emergency information, public affairs programming, political programming, community outreach and more. The more control granted to those outside the station, the more possibility there is of special interest groups stopping the free flow of information and the open exchange of ideas.

As well, this proposal would increase the costs of operation for stations by the requirement of having at least one employee on duty during all hours of operation. With the advances in automation over the years, this has become totally unnecessary and is cost-prohibitive.

Why return to imposing Draconian measures on radio stations in light of the the proliferation of competing communications opportunities on the Internet, through cable television channels and other venues? The public radio system is already at enough of a disadvantage in competing with other sources of news and information.

Thank you for considering my views. God bless you.

Thank you,
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