

To whom it may concern:

I have read the implications of the proposal to modify or otherwise censor Christian radio stations and I feel that there are several points to consider in making this decision. First, the radio, much like the television, is an optional medium of entertainment. No one is forcing any person who does not agree with or believe in the represented beliefs to listen to them. I do not agree with or believe in the views that are often represented on many radio stations that play music that is offensive and explicit. I do not support the language or the message of such stations and CHOOSE not to listen to them. No one is asking that those stations equally represent my beliefs or the beliefs of anyone else who might disagree with the material presented. Second, we live in a country where freedom is celebrated and should not endeavor to take the freedom of speech away from a group that is neither harming nor seeking to harm any individual or group. These radio stations offer clean, worshipful music that is freely enjoyed by believers. The opportunity to worship is a right that is guaranteed in our Constitution and censoring these stations by asking them to give air time to groups that do not represent the same values, or forcing them to equally represent belief systems that are in contrast to their doctrines is essentially violating that right. Finally, these stations are not harmful in the material they put forth. Why are we attacking the stations that support the values most conducive to a healthy society and most concerned with the well-being of the community? Why would we want to change anything about a station that encourages love, respect, and service? These stations give comfort and encouragement and seek to bring people together. They are not violent, they are not aggressive, they are simply a haven in which those who believe may find music to which they can worship and where those who do not believe may hear what it means to believe. Please do not consider censoring these stations. The radio is meant to offer a variety of music to all different kinds of listeners. If you subject these stations to modification and censorship, you should in turn subject every station to the same process. If this happened every station would be playing the same thing and the radio will have lost the variety that makes it a valuable and entertaining source of media.