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To All Members Of The FCC:

I have been totally blind since birth and thank you for the opportunity to contact you via this address. With reference to MB Docket 07-57, I am writing to register my opposition to the most recent rate increase requested by Sirius-XM. I originally subscribed to XM Radio early in 2005 because I was impressed with the quality and depth of programming presented on the Decades Channels, particularly Channels 4 and 5. Since XM merged with Sirius, there has been a drastic decline in the quality of service provided on these channels. Special programming, which focused on specific music genres, has all but been eliminated on Channel 5, and some of the genres themselves, such as early 1950s pop music, are no longer even represented by the channel's current general programming. There have also been reductions in the playlist with respect to other genres on this channel, and the XM disc jockeys, who made the listening experience educational as well as enjoyable, have been replaced with personnel whose shows are voice-tracked and who provide very little information about the more limited music they play. As a result of the greatly reduced playlists and non-descript announcers, the listening experience has become very repetitious and boring. They even eliminated the old commercial spots which XM had featured and which gave a nice touch to the era represented by Channel 5.

Channel 4, which still boasts a large playlist, has also been hurt by reductions in quality. The daily Top Three count-down shows featured on XM disappeared after the merger as did the historic news reports for the years covered by Channel 4. They currently have an announcer whose voice and style in no way represent the sound and mood presented by 1940s disc jockeys.

It is fair to say that these Decades Channels no longer accurately depict the eras they claim to represent. I would have unsubscribed long ago if it hadn't been for the Baseball Channel, XM 175. Given this deterioration in programming, a rate increase is certainly not in order at this time. Thank you for your time and attention.

Most sincerely,

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