

By law, stations are required to keep so-called public files at their offices for inspection by any member of the public. The files typically include information about programming, staffing and spending on political ads.

But few people know the files exist, and even fewer go to stations to view them. That can change by making broadcast stations upload their files to the FCC's website. Already the Federal Election Commission keeps some online records of candidates and political action committee's funding. I strongly urge the FCC to vote yes at its April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting for the enhanced disclosure rules for broadcasters to help increase transparency in the unfortunate post Citizens United era.