

Sun Sounds of Arizona has filed comment with the Federal Communications Commission in proceeding 13-86, asking to be exempt from enforcement of indecency rules while delivering verbatim readings from newspapers, magazines, and other currently, publicly available print material. I support this request and urge the Commission to grant the exemption from indecency enforcement for the following reasons: 1. Sun Sounds reading service on radio is the same as the printed page to me and it's audience. 2. The existing indecency rules, meant for far more extemporaneous speech than the verbatim readings from published print we deliver, make us and our partner stations fear FCC fines. This fear has kept Sun Sounds on private, poorly received FM-SCA systems for more than 30 years.

Printed newspapers, magazines, and books are not censored by the government in print, nor in recorded and mailed formats so my reading them through Sun Sounds should not be censored.

Sun Sounds of Arizona uses HD Radio to more easily and professionally serve people who are blind. People in range of the Tempe Sun Sounds are able to simply tune to the proper HD channel and can immediately hear daily newspapers, grocery ads, and other germane print news. This is a dramatic improvement to having to mail an application, wait for delivery of an SCA radio and then hope the signal is listenable.

Providing an exemption from enforcement would make expanding Sun Sounds to other areas possible. This would then create a more level playing field for blind and print-disabled consumers who seek access to current printed news on a par with sighted or unimpaired peers.