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The environmental interference on AM signals is terrible. My family owns two AM stations in Lorain County Ohio, 25 miles west of Cleveland. As I drive around making sales calls, I'm frustrated and embarrassed by the amount of electrical noise and interference there is when trying to listen to AM radio.

This problem escalates in the home. I recently purchased a treadmill and find whenever I turn it on, it makes listening to AM radio impossible anywhere in the home because of the static and electrical noise it generates.

So the two areas of primary listening, in car and in home is negatively impacted because of unregulated electrical interference generated by electrical powerlines and electrical items in the home. We as AM broadcasters need FM translators at minimum and ideally, the reallocation of spectrum recently freed up by eliminating analog TV channels 5 & 6 that would allow us to exchange our AM license for a comparable FM license that would allow us to cover the market as we do now.

This isn't about "saving AM" but about helping 1/3 of the broadcasters regain competitiveness lost due to the rampant interference generated by unregulated electrical appliances and electric lines.

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