

As a small market broadcaster, who has dedicated his life to providing a public service, and thousands of hours of free airtime to local non-profit groups, this proposal is a slap in the face. We (radio broadcasters) have, and continue to, provided for the public airwaves since the 1930's. We provide more free airtime to diverse groups than cable, tv, magazines, newspapers, etc. While this proposal seems to provide more airtime to diversity, it will surely lead to more competition for advertising dollars, and devastating technical problems to existing commercial stations. I believe these non-profit groups that want (and deserve) a voice to reach the masses have all the opportunity they need right in front of them...the internet. This is a free forum in which they can have unlimited access to thousands of people, and it does not infringe on the business broadcasters have worked hard to build over the past 70 years. We will continue to provide thousands of hours to these groups, as will the large broadcasters who own hundreds of stations. Diversity is not missing from radio, but requested use of the available free airtime is missing.