

Dear Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Congressman Minnick, and Congressman Simpson,

I am writing today to address the "Fairness Doctrine" and radio.

I urge you to vote against it. Let Freedom of Speech and the individual markets decide what a radio station programs.

A much BETTER proposal would be to get radio BACK to its roots and make these big broadcast companies comply with FCC rules and regulations regarding local issues and affairs. WAY too many radio stations across the country are NOT being operated in the public's best interest.

Stations that once served their local communities with Public Service announcements, community event information, disaster relief information, etc. are now being programmed by people in other communities. Programming is piped in, and there are rarely live bodies in the studios.

The FCC says the public owns the airwaves, yet most stations do very little to serve the communities in which they are located.

The Fairness Doctrine will only HURT radio. Local market influence and tastes will decide whether or not a conservative station will succeed in a liberal market and vice versa. We don't need a "Fairness Doctrine" to control that.

What radio needs is enforcement from the FCC to make sure the local stations are serving the communities to which they are licensed.

I'd be happy to discuss this with you in person if you wish.

Regards,
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Below are signatures from our listeners who also urge you to vote against any bill that would reinstate the Fairness Doctrine:

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