

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Boehner
Office of the House Republican Leader
H-204 Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Boehner:

We are writing to express our substantial concerns regarding the detrimental impact that H.R. 848, "The Performance Rights Act," will have on our hometown radio stations and local communities. We respectfully request that, as the Republican Leader, you object if this harmful bill is brought to the House floor as a stand-alone measure or as part of a larger legislative vehicle.

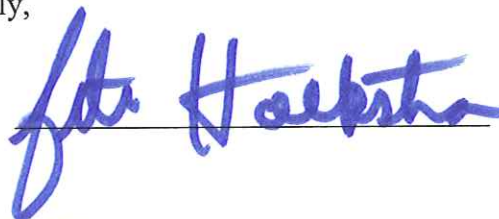
In the current economic environment, we believe preserving and protecting jobs needs to be our focus. Radio stations provide work for over 100,000 employees across the United States, but the enactment of H.R. 848 could lead to the elimination of many of those radio jobs. This legislation would impose a new performance fee on every song a radio station promotes for free over the air. This new kind of unbudgeted expense will further stress an already difficult financial situation radio stations find themselves in today. We should not be making it more difficult for businesses to keep employees on their payroll.

Also troubling is that under H.R. 848, the main beneficiary of potentially billions of dollars taken from our local radio stations would be four large recording labels. Congress should not be enriching one industry at the expense of another, particularly when it could put thousands of American radio jobs at risk, harm local radio stations and hurt our local communities who rely on radio for news, weather and emergency alert information.

The Congressional resistance to this new radio fee is substantial. In fact, 254 House members have cosponsored H. Con. Res. 49, the "Local Radio Freedom Act," that expresses opposition to the creation of a new radio performance royalty. We remain concerned that proponents of H.R. 848 may try to attach their legislation to unrelated bills on the House floor. We write today asking for your help to oppose any attempts to pass H.R. 848, particularly in light of the overwhelming opposition from over a majority of our House colleagues.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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