



June 5, 2023

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States Congress  
Washington, D.C. 20515/20510

Dear Member of Congress,

I write to you today on behalf of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) association to express our concerns about several leading automakers' plans to drop AM radio from their vehicles, and to urge your support for H.R.3413/S.1669, which would require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles.

NRB is a nonpartisan, international association of Christian communicators that has a long history of supporting and protecting AM radio and whose membership reaches millions of listeners, viewers, and readers. Today, we count 123 AM stations as NRB members, plus hundreds of AM stations affiliated with NRB member organizations.

Citing potential electromagnetic interference between the new technologies and AM radio, several large automakers including BMW, Mazda, Polestar, Tesla, Volkswagen, and Volvo, which produce hundreds of thousands of electric vehicles each year, have already removed AM capabilities from new electric vehicles.

Christian radio serves as a beacon for tens of millions of listeners across America each week, who tune in to faith-driven talk and teaching to be encouraged and to grow in their faith. Christian radio has a uniquely local interest, often leasing airtime to churches and ministries in the community to reach a wider audience with their sermons and programs. Millions of listeners have been shaped and discipled by faithful Christian radio ministries that speak to the concerns of the local listener, meeting them exactly where they are. That work is put in jeopardy by automakers' decisions to drop AM radio from their vehicles.

Not only does AM radio benefit listeners across America as an accessible platform for news, information, and Christian content, but AM radio is time-tested and resilient in times of emergency, reaching Americans in their homes and automobiles when power lines and cell towers are impacted. Removing AM radio from the auto dashboard hinders a vital public safety system that has proven critical during disasters of the past.

H.R.3413/S.1669 will require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule under which vehicles made or imported to the U.S. will be required to have a device with AM capabilities and ensure that AM is conspicuous to the driver in the dash. This legislation is crucial to securing AM broadcast radio for those across the country who tune in to this lifeline every day, and we ask that you stand with our industry by supporting this legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you to urge auto manufacturers to keep this vital service as part of their vehicles.

Respectfully,

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