

Complaint Division
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

7627 Old Receiver Road
Frederick, Md. 21702
9/18/91

Dear FCC,

Deplorable and unwise as your decision was to let interests from out of this area broadcast on FM 88.1 and thus deny us the excellent broadcasts of WJHU, Johns Hopkins University, your lack of supervision is even worse.

The owners of this station ~~are~~^{are} so contemptuous of the people of the area - and so foreign - they do not even have a phone on which we can reach them to make complaints.

Once again today, when I tried to receive the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the appointment of Judge Thomas to be a Supreme Court Justice on WAMU, this station made it impossible.

In the past, by careful tuning, I was able to eliminate them and get WAMU but today I could get nothing until I reached WETA on the dial. I was using a modern Panasonic set so it is not the set. Besides, I've heard the same complaint from others, including a long-time amateur.

I am closer to two other FM stations that I believe have greater power and they have never caused any interference. I have driven past them without any interference, too, as I have with the local AM stations.

That this station cannot be responsive to citizens is, I think, enough reason for lifting its license. It has arranged not to be able to receive any complaints. There isn't even a listed phone for so-called "Joy" Broadcasting, in the book or listed by Information!

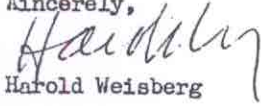
How you people could consider the drivel this station broadcasts "educational" and let it use frequencies reserved for educational broadcasting I cannot understand.

But even if it were by some stretched imagination educational, how could you consider it more educational than what emanates from the finest university in the country, according to the recent evaluations, and from one of the world's finest hospitals?

Please stop this illegal broadcasting immediately and then take steps to lift the license. I think also you should require local operations, not from some distant point automatically. This does not serve local interests. It serves the narrow interests of distant, absentee owners who don't give enough of a damn about us to list even a distant phone number we can call.

All the blocked-out Washington and Baltimore area stations have strong signals here, too.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg