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STOP T-RADIO PETITION

Dear Citizens:

The MBTA on October 10th started broadcasting continuous radio advertisements and music at South Station, North Station and Airport Station with a plan to expand the continuous radio broadcast system-wide after Thanksgiving. The radio broadcast will adversely monopolize this historic First Amendment public space:

1. Curtail and Interfere with Conversations of all MBTA patrons
2. Curtail and Interfere with Reading of all MBTA patrons
3. Target ads to all School Children who use the MBTA
4. Curtail and Eliminate Subway Performances

Please support our efforts to stop T-Radio:

1. Sign the petition and circulate copies with friends and colleagues
On-Line Petition <http://www.PetitionOnline.com/TRADIO/petition.html>
2. Write, Email and Call the Governor, Legislature,
MBTA Board of Directors and Advisory Board
3. Volunteer and Contribute funds to support this fight

Governor Deval Patrick Constituent Services Office 617-725-400;. 888.870.7770
Massachusetts State House, Office of the Governor, Room 360, Boston, MA 02133
Legislature addresses and telephone numbers: www.mass.gov/legis/
MBTA: General Manager Daniel Grabauskas, www.mbta.com
email feedback@mbta.com or 617-222-3200, TTY 617-222-5146
Board of Directors, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 10 Park Plaza, Boston MA 02116

"For many persons who do not have easy access to television, radio, the major newspapers, and other forms of mass media, the only way they can express themselves to a broad range of citizens on issues of general public concern is to picket, or to handbill or to utilize other free or relatively inexpensive means of communication. The only hope that these people have to be able to communicate effectively is to be permitted to speak in those areas in which most of their fellow citizens can be found.

It would not be surprising in the future to see cities rely more and more on private businesses to perform functions once performed by governmental agencies. The advantages of reduced expenses and increased tax base cannot be overstated. As governments rely on private enterprise, public property decreases in favor of privately owned property. It becomes harder and harder for citizens to find means to communicate with other citizens. Only the wealthy may find effective communication possible unless we adhere to *Marsh v. Alabama* and continue to hold that "(t)he more an owner, for his advantage, opens up his private property for use by the public in general, the more do his rights become circumscribed by statutory and constitutional rights of those who use it."

Justice Thurgood Marshall

