

The reason this is important is because it not only affects the United States and our capability to provide energy for this country that will be very important for our economy down the road, but our biggest ally and friend in the entire Middle East is Israel, and Israel right now does not yet have the capability to hit a major underground nuclear development site that may be developing a nuclear warhead that could destroy Tel-Aviv, could destroy much of Israel and kill millions of Israelis who are friends of ours and great allies.

It is extremely important that this administration do everything they can to support the Government of Israel in order to make sure that they have the capability and the ability to stop Iran's nuclear development program when it starts to imperil and jeopardize the entire Middle East.

Our energy sources that come from there, maybe 35 percent of our entire energy is dependent on the Middle East. If we have a conflagration over there, it is really going to hurt us, but it will hurt our great ally Israel even more. That is why we need to tell Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that we support him, and we are going to give him the material and the equipment necessary to deal with Iran should they continue down this path, and that means the bunker busting bombs that will be able to go down 50, 75, 100 feet underground or maybe 150 feet into a mountainside to knock out a nuclear development program if it imperils the existence of Israel or threatens the entire Middle East.

I can't stress how important this is. The leader of Iran, Mr. Ahmadinejad, has said numerous times that he wants to see Israel wiped off the face of the Earth. They are developing a nuclear weapons program, and now the IAEA is saying that they are developing a nuclear warhead that will be able to strike should they be able to use their missile program. So we have to pay real attention to what is going on over there and give Israel the ability to do what is necessary, and we should support them in every way possible. If we don't do that, we are going to rue the day that they finish that nuclear development program in Iran.

Bibi Netanyahu is going to be here before too long speaking here in the United States. I hope that the President will reach out to him and say, We are going to give you all the tools necessary to be able to stop the nuclear risk that Iran poses over there if we have to do it. The United States and President Obama should work with Mr. Netanyahu to make sure that we get that job done. We certainly don't need a terrorist state like Iran developing a nuclear weapons program with a delivery system that could deliver a nuclear warhead.

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CORPORAL DUSTIN LEE
MEMORIAL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced H.R. 4631. The text is "to authorize the adoption of a military working dog by the family of a deceased or seriously wounded member of the Armed Forces who was the handler of the dog." This act may be cited as the "Corporal Dustin Lee Memorial Act."

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, it was brought to my attention that a family in Mississippi, Rachel and Jerome Lee, their son, Dustin, a marine, was killed in Iraq for this Nation. Also with Dustin was his dog, Lex, who was wounded. In fact, the Marine Corps brought the dog, Lex, to Dustin's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee gave their son for this country, and all they asked of this Nation was to please let them have Lex, the dog that their son, Dustin, loved so much. Well, we all live here in Washington in a bureaucratic world, and there is some reason I guess for that, but the Marine Corps said to the family that Lex has 2 more years of service before he can be retired.

I heard about this story, and I called Mr. and Mrs. Lee in Mississippi. They told me, Congressman, we understand that this dog is very important to the cause of our Nation, but this dog meant so much to our son that that's all we would like to have. Well, I want to thank General Mike Regner, who I called and asked General Regner, is there any way we can expedite the retirement of Lex? And he said we will do our best to make this happen.

Well, these dogs that are trained work magnificently for this country. In fact, they give their lives many times to save a service person by seeking out these IEDs and other explosives. Well, it took about 3 weeks—that is not a whole lot of time, it really is not, but I think in the situation of these dogs, when the handler is killed for this country or seriously wounded, that we should be able to expedite this small gift to the family.

I will say to my colleagues, I am going to send a "Dear Colleague" around in the next few days that the Department of Defense has worked with us on. They support this legislation, so I hope that my colleagues will join me, and let's move this legislation through the House I hope expeditiously.

Mr. Speaker, this is a photograph taken by the family. When they got Lex home, they let Lex remember Dustin by having his clothes and his boots that had been returned from Iraq, and they let Lex remember the

fragrance of their son. Then they took Lex to the cemetery—this is a rather large cemetery—and they said to Lex, Find Dustin, find Dustin. And the dog ran around the cemetery and then came up to the headstone. This is the headstone. It is a picture of their son Dustin with Lex. Dustin is kneeling and Lex is sitting there beside him. Lex came up to this headstone and laid down beside the headstone.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I will ask my colleagues, please join us in H.R. 4639. This is the least we can do for the family or the wounded individual.

Mr. Speaker, as I always do, I ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I ask God, in His loving arms, to hold the families—like the Lee family—who gave a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. And Mr. Speaker, I will ask three times from the bottom of my heart: God please, God please, God please continue to bless America.

KEEP CLASSICAL MUSIC ALIVE IN
ST. LOUIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today joining with my friend and colleague, Congressman LACY CLAY, to speak out on an issue that is very important to both of us and our constituents, the continued existence of an over-the-air classical music station.

The sale of KFUFM-FM by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is currently pending before the Media Bureau at the FCC, and both myself and Congressman CLAY have been contacted by our constituents concerned that the purchaser of the station may cease the classical programming, which so many residents of the St. Louis and Metro East communities have benefited from over the years.

KFUFM-FM has been a proud partner with almost every cultural organization in the St. Louis area. It is also heard internationally through live streaming on the Internet. Classic 99, as KFUFM is also known, features a large amount of programming for the fine arts institutions of St. Louis, including the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Opera Theater of St. Louis, the Repertory Theater of St. Louis, the St. Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum and Historical Society, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Touhill Performing Arts Center of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, the Metropolitan Opera, the Bach Society of St. Louis, the St. Louis Chamber Chorus, the American Kantorei, the St. Louis Public Library, the St. Louis Children's Choir, along with many others.

KFUO is in a virtual partnership with these institutions, as many hours are given to these and other organizations for live broadcasting, education, and information programming, as well as for promotion. The loss of Classic 99 and its limitless contribution to the area's community may have a negative impact on many, and to the quality of life in the Metro East.

As many of my colleagues know, I am married to a classical musician. I met Karen while she was working as the director of Christian Education and Music at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Monterey, California. When I started my life with Karen, I also began my life with classical music. Karen has worked as a youth minister, church music director, elementary music teacher, and private music instructor of many different instruments. She has also guided each of our children musically. All three of our boys are Suzuki-trained violinists. My sons, David and Josh, have sung with the prestigious St. Louis Children's Chorus. I credit their musical talents not only with my wife's teaching, but also with exposure to classical music from an early age. KFUE provides that critical early exposure to families all over the St. Louis area that may not have a family member with a music background.

To remove that sphere of influence I feel would be detrimental to many children in our communities. Without Classic 99, I don't know if many of the music institutions in the St. Louis area that rely on this station would be able to get their music heard. Even our local high school students have a chance to play on KFUE, an experience I'm sure that is a highlight of their musical education.

Mr. Speaker, I felt this issue was especially important for me to weigh in on today because, as a devoted Lutheran, I am concerned that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod does not realize how important these classical broadcasts are to the Christian faithful in the St. Louis area.

In most cases, Christian broadcasting and classical broadcasting are synonymous. The loss of this classical programming eliminates the witness to the Gospel through the broadcast of the words and music of Bach, such as broadcast of "Bach at the Sem." Also, the St. Louis area would no longer be able to hear other Lutheran and Christian composers as well through programs devoted specifically to the Christian musical heritage, such as "Joy" and broadcasts of St. Louis Bach Society programs and overt Lutheran Christian programming such as "Sing for Joy" and the Sunday morning service from Chapel of the Cross in North County, St. Louis.

Music is an important part of Christianity and was an integral part in the start of the Lutheran church. One of my favorite Martin Luther quotes

deals with the importance of music in the church, and I quote, "Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

From Bach to Mendelssohn, these talented musicians helped form the Lutheran church that we know today. I cannot imagine a church service without music, just as I cannot imagine St. Louis without KFUE-FM. It is just as important part to the St. Louis and Metro East residents as music is to Sunday mornings spent in worship. It is my sincere hope that the Lutheran church will realize this before this station changes its programming. It would be a loss to both the Christian community and the music community, a loss which I hope will be prevented.

Let us remember the words from Psalm 27:5-6 "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord."

Mr. Speaker, I am not here to say that the FCC should be dictating programming choice when considering a sale of a station. Rather, I would argue that the impact on cultural organizations and the impact on local jobs should be considered when deciding on these sales. I would like to enter for the RECORD a petition to the LCMS Board of Directors, which both myself and former Senator Conrad Burns has signed, in addition to letters from musicians from all over the country that have enjoyed Classic 99's live internet broadcasts.

GERALD KIESCHNICK,
President, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO.

DEAR PRESIDENT KIESCHNICK: The Musicians' Association of St. Louis, Local 2-197 AFM, is opposed to the sale of KFUE-FM, the only classical music radio station in the St. Louis metropolitan area, into a different format. This valuable resource is one of the main venues for arts organizations and has been a great tool in audience-building through live broadcasts and advertising.

The loss of our beloved radio station will have a huge impact on the arts in St. Louis:

Bach at the Sem, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, and At The Garden, Live!, will lose their broadcasts, which are heard nationally through live streaming.

SLSO will lose a major advertising venue, which may hinder ticket sales and fundraising efforts. They are now moving forward after years of paycuts and freezes. Losing KFUE makes recovery more difficult.

Many arts organizations in the greater metropolitan area of St. Louis will lose a central advertising location in KFUE-FM. The loss of KFUE makes advertising much more difficult especially in these economic times.

President Kieschnick, Local 2-197 respectfully asks that you reconsider and direct your Board to stop the sale now.

Respectfully,

VICKY SMOLIK, President,
*Musicians' Association of St. Louis,
Local 2-197, AFM.*

CLEVELAND FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS, LOCAL 4 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS
Cleveland, OH, January 29, 2010.

U.S. Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS,
Springfield, IL.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SHIMKUS, I am writing in support of the effort to prevent the sale of KFUE 99.1 FM.

One of the oldest radio stations west of the Mississippi River, and the longest continually-owned FM station in the Saint Louis area, KFUE not only programs classical, opera and jazz music, it is also a strong partner with the area's cultural institutions. The sale of KFUE, from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) to Gateway Creative Broadcasting, Inc., would negatively impact those musical genres in the Saint Louis local and regional community.

In addition, KFUE programming targets school-aged children, and this sale would eliminate regular programming that allows high school orchestral musicians and choral singers the opportunity to perform for a radio audience, certainly a unique chance for these young musicians.

I understand a petition has been filed with the Federal Communications Commission alleging LC-MS did not properly open up a competitive bidding process to the public. An FCC investigation of this proposed transaction may deny the sale, or subject the LC-MS to further conditions including an open selection process.

In the wake of these allegations, and the potential loss of the crown jewel of cultural radio programming in the Saint Louis region, I sincerely urge you to join me in the fight to save KFUE 99.1 FM.

Very Truly Yours,

LEONARD DICOSIMO.

APPROVED KFUE LETTERS FOR RELEASE TO PRESS

NOTE: THE MUSICIANS COUNCIL HAS LETTERS REPRESENTING ORCHESTRAL MUSICIANS FROM CALIFORNIA, OHIO, MISSOURI, NORTH CAROLINA, ILLINOIS, TEXAS, TENNESSEE, WISCONSIN, AND NEVADA.

To: The Trustees and Management of KFUE FM

From: Paul R. Frankenfeld, President, Local 1, AF of M

Subject: The Preservation of Classical Music on KFUE

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: In an age when arts organizations are struggling for survival, the continuation of classical music on a radio station is vital to maintain the ongoing community interest in symphony orchestras, chamber music, and opera. The long and proud tradition of service of this station to the broadcast of St. Louis Symphony concerts is to be applauded. I strongly urge you to continue this relationship by retaining the classical music format of KFUE FM so that current and future generations will have this resource to experience great art music.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL R. FRANKENFELD,
*President, Local 1,
American Federation
of Musicians, Acting
Principal Viola, Cincinnati
Symphony Orchestra.*

DECEMBER 31, 1969.

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS: Sometimes you don't realize how important something is until it isn't there any more.

Milwaukee has been without a classical station since WFMR abruptly changed 106.9

from classical to “cool jazz” (I think) over two years ago—and every day since I’ve heard at least one person mourn its loss.

It is not just the loss of hearing classical music on the air-waves, though that is a great loss in itself—it is the loss of announcers who were keenly interested in the musical scene in Milwaukee, who brought Symphony and other musicians in for interviews, who did feature stories about concerts coming up, and who raised awareness about classical music in greater Milwaukee.

My husband and I lived in St. Louis for a few months in 1990–91, and greatly enjoyed (among other things) our opportunity to perform with David Halen on “From the Garden Live.” We were amazed at how much excitement about local music was generated by that program, and have spoken enviously of it since, wishing that such an opportunity were available to us here.

I am awed by KFUF’s long-standing commitment to sharing the fine arts and music which supports and enriches the significant cultural community of the St. Louis area. I earnestly hope that this honorable tradition will continue—that the citizens of St. Louis will not be bereft of a classical station, as we are, and that your great city will continue to have the fine classical station that it deserves.

Respectfully,

STEFANIE JACOB,
Pianist, Prometheus
Trio Piano faculty,
Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee, WI.

JANUARY 11, 2010.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I have been a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for 29 years. Our local classical music station, WQED-FM, went on the air for the first time in 1973. It has been informing and enriching the city of Pittsburgh and a large extended community on radio, and the entire world streaming on the internet. In addition to their extensive programming, our PSO concerts are regularly broadcast on WQED as are over 100 local concerts by other artists each year. It would be a great loss both to Pittsburgh and the greater Pittsburgh area if we were to lose our station. (By the way, WQED-TV was this country’s first community supported TV station).

I would like to see KFUF-FM maintained as a classical music radio station for St. Louis, and through live streaming, the entire United States. I applaud KFUF’s long-standing commitment to sharing the fine arts and music which supports and enriches the significant cultural community of the St. Louis area. KFUF-FM has not only been responsible for promoting arts events in Missouri and Illinois, but is also steward of the countless contributors and listeners who have made KFUF-FM possible for the past 62 years. Please continue that trust by preserving KFUF-FM as a classical station.

You have a wonderful symphony orchestra and not only would they be affected by this, St. Louis would be diminished in the eyes of the educated public, and children will certainly miss out on the joy of discovering classical music on the radio.

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA BUSCH,
Violist, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

AUSTIN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS,
Austin, TX.

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS: KFUF-FM has been partnering with the cultural community in

St. Louis for over 60 years. KFUF’s participation in the fine arts enriches the greater metropolitan area, including Eastern Missouri and parts of Illinois. Through live streaming, KFUF-FM is also heard throughout the United States and the world, proclaiming St. Louis as a major cultural community. Losing KFUF-FM adversely impacts all cultural institutions in the St. Louis area.

Please stop this sale. Thank you for your assistance.

In solidarity,

TERRY HALE,
President AFM33, Austin, TX.

Note: this petition is comprised of 41 prominent Lutheran Church-Missourians, including a United States Senator, who are opposed to the sale of KFUF-FM because of the adverse impact on the cultural community in the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area, especially the many world-class fine arts institutions.

KFUF/LCMS PETITION TO THE LCMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 8, 2009.

(List of names augmented June 29, 2009)

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Not unmindful of your responsibilities, and aware of the challenges presented Synod by current economic conditions, we ask you, nevertheless, to reconsider your decision on behalf of our Synod that authorized the sale of KFUF-FM. A sale, in our view and that of many others, would be very unfortunate. We are convinced that:

A vital mission of proclamation, nurture, outreach, and community relations is being conducted by KFUF-FM and these missions can be expanded and enhanced in the future;

A sale would damage the good name and reputation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in its headquarters city and around the world;

A sale would disenfranchise and severely disappoint many thousands of individuals and organizations that have provided virtually all the financial and volunteer support for the station throughout its history;

KFUF-FM is the source sustaining KFUF-AM. Its sale would surely be followed by AM’s demise.

There are attractive alternatives for retaining KFUF-FM, thereby also ensuring the future of KFUF-AM. These should be explored with time and opportunity being given for their advancement.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Dr. Andrew H. Bartelt (Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Concordia Seminary).

Dr. Karl L. Barth (President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Dr. Robert Bergt (Director, The American Cantorei and “Bach at the Sem” concert series).

The Rev. Keith Boheim (The Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation).

Dr. Ralph A. Bohlmann (President Emeritus, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

The Rev. Larry Burgdorf (The Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation).

Senator Conrad Burns (United States Senator, Retired).

Dr. Paul W. Devantier (Senior Vice President, Advancement, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Richard W. Duesenberg (Attorney at Law; co-founder, “Bach at the Sem” concert series).

Robert H. Duesenberg (Attorney at Law; co-founder, “Bach at the Sem” concert series).

Dr. Charles W. Dull (Former Director, Hong Kong International School).

The Rev. Alan Erdman (President, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services of Missouri).

Dr. Jean Garton (Former member Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Oscar H. Hanson (Former member Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Dr. John F. Johnson (Former President, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Dr. James W. Kalthoff (President Emeritus, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Dr. Robert H. King (Former Vice President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

The Rev. Jerry Klug (President, Clara and Spencer Werner Foundation).

Ruth M. Koch (Chair, Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors).

Thomas Kopatz (Managing Partner, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

Dr. Jonathan Laabs (Executive Director, Lutheran Education Association).

Michael Louis (Senior Vice President, Financial Planning and Administration, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Laurence Lumpe (Executive Director, Lutheran Hour Ministries).

Dr. Paul L. Maier (Second Vice President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Dr. Walter A. Maier, II (Former Second Vice President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

The Rev. Ulmer Marshall (Former member Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Dr. Dale A. Meyer (President, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Dr. Judith W. Meyer (President, Lutheran High School Association of St. Louis).

Michael Onnen (President, International Lutheran Laymen’s League).

Gerald Perschbacher (Editor, “The Lutheran Layman,” International Lutheran Laymen’s League).

Dr. Richard D. Peters (Former member Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

James F. Ralls (Chair, Board of Regents, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Dr. Walter Rosin (Secretary Emeritus, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Representative John Shimkus (United States Congressman, Illinois).

Dr. Uwe Siemon-Netto (Former Religion Editor, United Press International).

The Rev. Jonathan P. Stein (Regular Pastor on KFUF-FM for more than 20 years).

Dr. Richard L. Thompson (Former Chair, Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Edwin A. Trapp, Jr. (Former member Board of Directors, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod).

Dr. James Voelz (Dean of the Faculty, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

Phyllis Wallace (“Woman to Woman,” Lutheran Hour Ministries).

John D. Wittenmyer (Vice-Chair, Board of Regents, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis).

HEALTH CARE BILL NEEDS EXPERT OPINION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. TIM MURPHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, when the White House summit occurs at Blair House to talk