

# Reality Radio

Transcript

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This is Reality Radio.

Its summer and Congress has gone on recess until September 8<sup>th</sup> but Black Caucus members John Conyers, Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Mel Watts and Bobby Scott are still hard at work jeopardizing the future of black radio ownership. They argue that Sirius XM satellite radio has agreed to pay the tax so why shouldn't free radio do the same? Maybe it's because – we are FREE radio and satellite radio charges a monthly fee - which by the way - has sparked protests from their subscribers because Sirius XM radio promised a three-year price freeze, when they were seeking federal approval to merge. They say that the performance tax forces them to raise their monthly rates and HELLO black elected officials – are you not aware that free radio does not have that option? Maybe not – listen to what Representative Conyers has publicly - once again - shared as his view on reading a bill before voting. Conyers: “What good is reading the bill if it's a thousand pages and you don't have two days and two lawyers to find out what it means after you read the bill?”

So here we are in free radio land facing the danger of a performance tax during the most challenging economic downturn in the history of the radio. And, since we have no rates to increase, which of these free radio services would you suggest we eliminate?

Voter Registration Drives  
Public Service Announcements  
Town Hall Meetings  
Health and Wellness events  
Speakers for Schools  
Celebrity Appearances  
Fundraisers  
Job Fairs  
Help for the Homeless  
Holiday Giving and Meals  
Black Expos  
House, Car and Cash Giveaways  
Crime Prevention Initiatives  
Community Awards

Talent Showcases  
Festivals,  
And most importantly... Music, News and Information

Whew, that's enough for now and I haven't even gotten through a tenth of the list.

This is reality radio with Cathy Hughes. What's your reality?