

1201 Bramblewood Court
Chesapeake, VA 23323
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Mr. Mark Kanak
General Manager
WTAR AM 790
168 Business Park Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Dear Mr. Kanak:

Those of us who listen to the Mike Rau Show were informed Saturday morning that this program had been canceled. Needless to say, many of us are extremely upset by this decision which evidently was made strictly on economic grounds. I understand that the primary purpose of a radio station is to make a profit for that station's owners, but I also believe that a station has a certain responsibility to the community it is licensed to serve.

Having talked to quite a few other people who until this decision was made were just voices I had heard on the radio, the term I kept hearing was family. Many of us felt that through Mike's show we had developed a sense of family with people throughout the area. This "family" cut across political, racial, and economic boundaries, and like real families we had our disagreements, but despite that we were all still friends. The credit for this belongs totally to Mike. He had the ability to enable such a widely diverse group of people to realize that the person with whom they were disagreeing could possibly have a valid opinion as well.

Some of the credit also belongs to whomever at WTAR had the courage to initiate this idea. I don't know how well the show did financially. That's none of my business. What I do know is that the people who called Anarchy Overnight learned a lot about toleration, caring, and justice... all things that are lacking in society today.

In closing let me say this. If money is all that's important and the show wasn't making enough canceling it was the right move, but if serving the community, if making Hampton Roads a better place to live for all of us matters at all; you have done us a great disservice by taking this show off the air.

Sincerely,

Donald W. Hesse
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