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As a licensed Travelers Information Radio Station operator, I fully and emphatically support AAIRO's position regarding clarification and update of FCC Part 90.242 rules governing the Travelers Information Service. I firmly support the loosening of content restrictions to specifically permit NOAA Broadcasts (Routine and Non-Routine), Amber and Silver Alerts, and other security and hazard announcements over TIS systems.

All disasters are local, and it is imperative that local operators have the expressed authority to broadcast, at their discretion, public safety information for the protection of life and property. The travelling public is a broad descriptor that at any given moment can represent a significant percentage of the total local population. The common thread for those falling under the description of travelling public, whether they are local residents or just passing through, is that they are all potentially victims of the same locally hazardous situation and they all deserve access to information that can facilitate their safe passage. I am also very supportive of eliminating the filtering requirement in Section §90.242(b)(8) as it generally renders our TIS station inaudible in the evening and over-night hours.

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