



## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **KTAR CALLS ON ASU BUSES TO STOP FREE SPEECH RESTRICTIONS *BUS COMPANY BANS RADIO STATION ON BUSES***

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – News/Talk 92.3 KTAR-FM has issued a letter to the company that operates buses on the campus of Arizona State University asking the agency to rescind an order it gave to its bus drives on Friday, April 11, 2008 to stop playing KTAR-FM on its buses.

In a memo distributed to bus drivers who operate on the campus of Arizona State University the agency called on them to immediately cease broadcasting News/Talk 92.3 KTAR-FM on the overhead speakers. No other radio station was mentioned in the memo. The memo stated that some students found some of the views expressed on the station offensive.

“There are students at ASU that find the views of some of their professors offensive,” said Russ Hill, Director of News, Talk, and Sports for KTAR. “Universities normally pride themselves on exposing students to different perspectives and ideas. In this case, students at Arizona’s largest university are now being subjected to a selective ban on certain viewpoints. This is a violation of free speech on the ASU campus.”

Coach America has contracts with state and city governments to provide bus service. Its vehicles are therefore extensions of the government.

A bus driver who works for Coach America told KTAR-FM, “Just because one student doesn’t like what he heard on KTAR doesn’t mean all students should be banned from listening to it.”

KTAR was Arizona’s first radio station and has more than 490,000 listeners. It is the home of Darrell Ankarlo, Mac Watson, Glenn Beck, Larry Gaydos, and Arizona’s Morning News with Ned & Connie.

#### **About KTAR**

KTAR was Arizona’s first radio station and continues to have the state’s largest radio audience. The station was founded 85 years ago, and it has been an indelible part of the Arizona landscape ever since. In 2007, KTAR split into two stations with News/Talk 92.3 KTAR becoming home of the state’s largest radio news team and the state’s most well-known talk show hosts. Sports 620 KTAR became the broadcast home of Arizona’s largest sports franchises (Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals, and ASU Sun Devils) and the biggest sports talk shows in the state. For more information on the stations, visit [KTAR.com](http://KTAR.com).

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