

# Hawkins campaign: Files Communications Act violation with FCC to order Rush Limbaugh to provide 2 hours of equal time

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Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate for President, has filed a formal complaint under the Communications Act seeking equal time on the syndicated radio show of Rush Limbaugh.

Rush Limbaugh conducted a 2-hour “radio rally” for Republican Party presidential nominee Donald Trump on The Rush Limbaugh Show.

Hawkins had previously contact Mr. Limbaugh seeking equal time but has not received a response.

Hawkins said he wants equal time to speak to Limbaugh listeners because many live in media markets where the only news/talk commercial radio station features arch-conservative programming 24 hours a day.

“Limbaugh’s audience deserves to understand that it is me, not Biden, who is the democratic socialist in this race. It is me, not Biden, who supports Medicare for All and a Green New Deal. Limbaugh’s listeners also deserve to hear my responses to Trump’s claims about Covid-19, so-called fake news, mail-in ballots, Black Lives Matter, immigration, fracking, and the economy,” said Hawkins.

Michelle Carey  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Complaint against radio host Rush Limbaugh for violation of the equal time rule of 47 U.S.C. 315 (a)

Dear Ms. Carey:

I am the Green Party nominee for President of the United States in 2020. I have qualified for the ballot in 30 States and the District of Columbia.

On or about October 9, 2020, radio host Rush Limbaugh conducted a 2-hour "radio rally" for Republican Party presidential nominee Donald Trump on The Rush Limbaugh Show.

On or about October 12, 2020, I transmitted a letter to Mr. Limbaugh asking for equal time under section 315 (a) the Communications Act. My equal time request has been ignored.

Accordingly, I am filing this Complaint against Rush Limbaugh for a violation of section 315 (a). As a remedy, I am requesting that the Commission issue an Order requiring Mr. Limbaugh to offer me time on the Rush Limbaugh Show before November 3, 2020, equal to the time he afforded Mr. Trump in his 2-hour "radio rally," in addition to such other relief as the Commission finds appropriate.