

I am requesting this petition be dismissed. It will do extensive damage to the Amateur Radio Service.

- damage to lawful users who have purchased legal equipment with their own money
- damage to lawful developers who simply maintain a right to the code and hardware they have developed to carry out technically characterized modes
- damage to users of amateur radio who simply prefer amateur radio over cell phones and satellites
- damage to the emergency response bandwidth allowed for the best error-free communications protocol devised to date on the planet
- damage to the NTS-D system
- damage to emergency response groups who use specialized protocols in peer-to-peer transactions

So all these consequences have to be weighed against the proposed benefit. Since ham radio has thrived, new modes are springing up continually, ham fests (e.g. orlando) are filled with vendors and I find all kinds of people interested in joining this avocation for emergency communications service in possible time of need.....the supposed DANGERS faced by the Amateur Radio Service seem minimal. The International Telecommunications Union may feel similarly as they just finished emplacing five emergency communications systems using some of this technology around the perimeter of the Gulf in order to provide additional resources to people impacted by hurricanes. This proposal would damage the ability of United States responders to assist.