Dear FCC,

I would like to add my view that the marine ICOM 802 should be excluded from the current expansion of the new GMDSS so that the M802 not to be modified to meet the new GMDSS requirements, so that it remains a cost effective communication system for the average sailor.

The M802 remains the only affordable Digital Select Calling (DSC) marine radio that will allow cruisers to directly contact commercial vessels, other vessels in the buddy system across oceans, get direct weather professional forecasting, to email family on a regular basis.

In an emergency it allows us to speak directly to rescue services and that itself is very reassuring in a emergency services. My SSB allowed me to speak to USGC SAR direct during an extreme weather event off Cap Hatteras and that was lifting for us all.

I hope you will consider this simple request, and many thanks for your time.

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