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Honorable Robert L. Livingston
House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Livingston:

Thank you for your letter dated November 19, 1992, on behalf of Mr. Abelardo J. Massa, Director of the Wireless Institute of New Orleans. According to Mr. Massa's letter, the Wireless Institute of New Orleans is opposed to rule changes the Commission proposed in a recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket No. 92-136, (Notice) (copy enclosed). That Notice proposed lessening the restrictions on the scope of permissible communications that amateur stations may transmit.

The Commission stated that it would accept reply comments in this proceeding until December 1, 1992. We will, therefore, treat Mr. Massa's letter as a reply comment and include it in the record in this docket. My staff is currently reviewing other timely filed comments and reply comments in this proceeding. A decision regarding whether or not to adopt the proposed rule changes is expected early in 1993.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely H. Saker*

S Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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Dear Mr. Sikes:

Enclosed please find communication I have recently received from one of my constituents for your consideration. I would greatly appreciate your complying with their request, if possible.

I would appreciate your advising me of your action in this matter and return the letters with your reply to my Washington office.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten Signature]
ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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September 18, 1992

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: PR Docket No. 92-136
("to relax restrictions on the scope of permissible
communications in the Amateur Service")

The Wireless Institute of New Orleans is dedicated to the preservation of the original principles of Amateur Radio and to advancement of the state of the radio communications art.

We are not affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, nor do we believe that it represents the thoughts, beliefs and feelings of anyone except its officers, directors and management.

Although the League claims vast numbers of members, those members do not necessarily ascribe to its positions on various matters pertaining to the Amateur Radio Service. It is our position that the vast number of Amateur licensees disagree with the League on various matters, in this instance especially, as expressed in PR No. 92-136 and in the League counsel's (Christopher D. Imlay) letter of January 6, 1992, to FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Ralph A. Haller, which instigated this proposal.

The Wireless Institute of New Orleans is opposed to the amendment outlined in PR Docket No. 92-136, or any change that would tend to further cripple the Amateur Radio Service, as this amendment would certainly do.

Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed serious deterioration of the Service, resulting from general liberalization of the rules, policies and, especially, enforcement of the regulations.

Public perception over that period has equated the Amateur Radio Service with the fiasco of the Citizens' Service. Amateur Radio as fallen from its exalted position of national importance to that of a mere "hobby". And this fall is due largely to deregulation encouraged by the ARRL.

1. The Federal Communications Commission, guided by the ARRL, has abrogated its responsibility of qualifying licensees to "volunteer", citizen examiners, who will not conduct license examinations except for a fee.
2. The Federal Communications Commission, guided by the ARRL, has adopted a policy of non-enforcement of regulations concerning the Amateur Service, leaving it to the ARRL and its grossly ineffective and inefficient Vol-Mon system. It is abundantly obvious that Amateurs are no more capable of policing themselves in these times than the fox is of guarding the henhouse.
3. The Federal Communications Commission, guided by the ARRL, further weakened the Amateur Radio Service by allowing integrated band use by various license grades in the early '50's, and then, guided by the ARRL, vainly attempted to correct the blunder with the so-called "Incentive Licensing" program of the late '60's.
4. The Federal Communications Commission, still guided by the ARRL, implemented the "dual ladder", no-code licensing program, mixing computer hobbyists in with Amateur Radio operators, further degrading the Service.

And now the Commission is considering further weakening of the Service with yet another proposal from the ARRL that would automatically permit quasi-commercial operations of Amateur stations, including the services of paid, professional operators.

Say it isn't so! Or say that the next NPRM will concern merging of the Amateur Radio Service (read: hobby) with the Citizens' Service.

We should learn from experience, and our experience with recommendations from the American Radio Relay League isn't very good.

The approximately 70 members of the Wireless Institute of New Orleans, licensed Amateur Radio Operators from most of the 50 states, strenuously object to PR Docket No. 92-136.

Very truly yours,



Abelardo J. Massa - W5VSR
Director