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The Honorable Jill Long  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, DC 20515

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**Urgent: Serious problem with PR Docket 92-235.**

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Dear Ms. Long

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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**Please help!** Under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are frequency use changes that will adversely affect the lives of millions people.

I am one of these people affected. For many years my family and I have enjoyed the building an competition racing of radio controlled model boats. I have a considerable investment in this hobby. If these changes are adopted by the FCC, the current RC frequencies will become dangerous to use because of direct radio interference.

The frequency changes are proposed by the FCC Land Mobile Service. The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (**NPRM - PR Docket 92-235**)

Can you imagine an RC racing boat, costing several hundred dollars or more, out of control at 60 mph because someone uses a "mobile" telephone in the vicinity. We modelers have controls and rules in place to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and also the protection of surrounding property. But there will be no protection against these new frequencies because we would never know where they are and the "mobile" user does not know or care what frequency channel he is using. All over the country there are organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. Spectators often number in the thousands at these events. These events are held at lakes, ponds and rivers in the vicinity. The Fort Wayne Driftwood Club races regularly at Fox Island. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and my family. ***Please help keep RC model events safe.***

**The FCC must not be allowed to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.**

Sincerely,

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I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will absolutely cause radio interference on the majority of frequencies currently assigned for RC model aircraft use. Safety is very important in this hobby.

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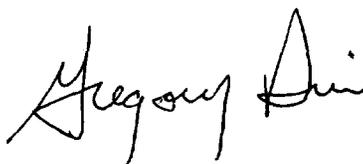
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It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

Your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in **FR Docket 92-235** replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. **Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and noncommercial users by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.**

This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for 5 years. I own 4 radios and 9 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

**I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 KHz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.**

Thank you for your consideration.

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This action will have a severe and detrimental impact upon the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane could easily come screaming out of the sky and crash being caused by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard and monetary loss.

I have been involved in this hobby for approximately 2 years, own 2 radios and 2 models. In addition, I own numerous engines, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby.

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I urge you to reconsider this new rule making. Keep 10 KHz spacing between all frequencies of 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my attention that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making PR Docket 92-235 for a massive frequency restructuring. This is extremely devastating to me in the area of my life with respect to my leisure time activities.

My daughter, son and myself all fly radio controlled model airplanes for recreation, sport and also in local, regional, and national contests. The planes we most generally fly are non-powered R/C Gliders or Sail Planes. Typically they weigh 5 to 6 lbs. with a wingspans ranging from 60 to 144 inches (12 feet).

Since these R/C Sail Planes are non-powered, we are able to fly them from school athletic fields, parks and other fields that are located in the middle of residential areas. Our main concern with the added frequencies is SAFETY. The close proximity of the new insert frequencies to the established R/C frequencies allows interference and will probably result in crashes of our R/C Sail Planes, putting the residential areas in grave danger. A model of this size will certainly injure, or more seriously, kill a person if they are hit by a model streaking uncontrollably to the ground. Damage to other structures (houses, school buildings, industrial buildings and automobiles) should also be considered.

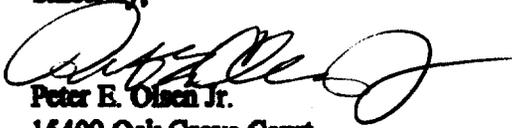
I currently own 7 transmitters and 9 receivers suitable for controlling radio control model aircraft. All this equipment will become useless if the new frequencies are allowed to operate.

I am the President of the Silent Wings Soaring Association, AMA Charter Club #1216, a club with more than 70 members. Our club flying field is the athletic field of a local junior high school. As you can imagine it is surrounded by apartments, houses and light industrial buildings. We have a very good arrangement now and it would be terrible to loose the use of the field due to unexplained crashes more than likely caused by interference from these new "mobile" transmitters.

I am also a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics #1534, a body of over 180,000 national members, The League of Silent Flight #5766 and the National Soaring Society # 89-3897.

Please DO NOT adopt these new mobile frequencies.

Sincerely,

  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Recently we learned that the FCC is considering an action that will severely limit the radio controlled (RC) model aircraft hobby. Many of us have been active in this hobby for years flying various types of RC model aircraft. I first became interested in this hobby in high school. This interest in electronics and aerodynamics were major factors that encouraged me to obtain an engineering degree. Our Academy of Model Aeronautics sanctioned Tulsa RC Soaring Club, TULSOAR, has school age members who may well follow this career path.

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Our environmentally friendly sailplanes create no noise or litter and are quite enjoyable with flying characteristics much like Bald Eagles and Red Hawks often seen circling in the same thermal. In national competition meets over one hundred competitors fly five to seven rounds (500 to 700 individual flights) in two days making full use of our frequency allocation. This past year TULSOAR club members have participated in soaring competition in Massachusetts, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and California.

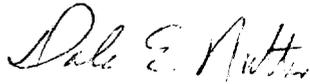
Putting commercial users in a position to cause radio interference to our equipment would be similar to building project housing on golf courses. Unlike basketball, golf or tennis, RC soaring also develops one's ability to work constructively with aerodynamics principals, mechanics of materials and electronics. Our hobby is not as well known as it should be, however, because we are often too busy with our model construction and flying techniques to make adequate promotional effort.

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We urge you to reconsider this action. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on the 72 KHz and 75 MHz bands available for the safe use by RC enthusiasts. Our country needs to encourage this hobby that develops Citizen's technology interests.

Yours sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commissions  
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Subject: PR Docket 92-235

Dear FCC:

I am an Air Force veteran and have been flying model airplanes since childhood. I am active in our local club, the Weatherford Aero Modeling Society, a club that specializes in radio controlled model airplanes. I also compete (radio controlled pylon racing) in local and regional contests.

Recently, I learned that a proposal being considered by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235) would substantially limit the frequencies assigned for model use. The new frequencies are so close to those we use, that interference would render most model frequencies unusable.

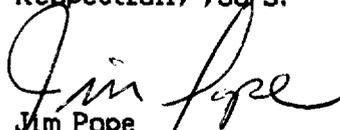
The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and the FCC have established frequencies and rules for model control that allow safe operations. But, I understand that the proposed rules change could reduce the 50 channels now assigned to less than 20.

Responsible modelers everywhere have complied with 1992 narrow band frequency requirement by purchasing modern radio equipment or updating older stuff. You now ask us to give up some of our authorized frequencies and to undergo another possible series of expensive updates, then crowd us into some 20 channels.

I certainly don't think that the FCC should improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of responsible radio modelers. Many of us have a considerable investment in our radio equipment and our hobby provides many hours of wholesome, educational, and often, family related entertainment.

I hope you receive mail bags full of letters like this one. Then, perhaps we tax payers will win out over commercial interests, and you will allow me and tens of thousands of other modelers to continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime. Please do not pass the proposals effecting the 72-76 MHz band.

Respectfully yours:

  
Jim Pope

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Dear Sirs:

I am a retired aeronautical engineer and have been associated with model airplanes since 1943 and Radio Controlled model aircraft since 1958. Like thousands of other devotees of this hobby/sport/obsession I spend a great deal of time involved in the building and flying of these aircraft. I currently own 9 radio units, 12 engines of various sizes, and have 8 aircraft on flight status with two more under construction. I would estimate the value of my present collection, including special tools and equipment, to be in the neighborhood of \$8500; this does not include any monetary consideration for over 1400 hours spent in the construction of this particular group of airplanes. Since 1943 I have built and flown (most of them successfully) over 800 models. My current interest is directed toward "giant" models having wingspans of 85 to 140 inches, a weight of 18 to 40 pounds, powered by special gasoline engines and flying at speeds up to and sometimes in excess of 100 MPH. *I represent the norm for this hobby, not the exception.*

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. **The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.** If adopted, this new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and substantially **increase** the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Adoption of this rule by the FCC is the first step in a series of disasters which will eventually lead to the demise of a healthy, educationally challenging and enjoyable hobby which has been part of our culture for over 60 years. Here's the scenario. FCC passes proposed change, more frequencies are made available for cellular phone use, the demand for these phones increases, the price drops from its' present \$200 + per copy to \$100, then to \$75 and probably on down to \$50. Now everyone you meet has a phone in their ear, manufacturers cannot keep up with the demand, the quality goes down and down, the frequency control gets sloppier and sloppier until it is practically non existent. The R/C modelers, who are now demolishing very expensive aircraft at an alarming rate, ask the FCC to regulate the offending manufacturers (yes, we can monitor the transmissions and determine the source). The FCC responds, " We don't have enough manpower". The R/C community has been through this before. Over the past several years we have been forced to modify our equipment to please other communications groups at a substantial expense to each and every one of us and in fact caused a decrease in our numbers because some were financially unable to comply. The body is still warm from the last escapade and now the FCC appears willing for us to make yet another sacrifice for "big business".

Because of the nature of our hobby, Radio-Controlled model fliers are continually engaged in conducting flight demonstrations. We entertained several thousand spectators for 3 hours each day at the Brunswick Naval Airstation, Maine Airshow "92" on July 24-25 and have been invited back next year. Consider the grief and devastation which would result if one of our 95 MPH, 30 pound models was directed into a crowd as a result of someone calling home to find out what was for dinner.

Please allow us to continue to enjoy our hobby in a safe and sane environment by **NOT** implementing PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-75 MHz band. With the exception of additional tax forms, I have never asked the government for anything; I'm asking now. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Smith, Director; Skystreakers R/C Club, New Gloucester ME  
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IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) IS CONSIDERING AN ACTION THAT WILL SEVERELY LIMIT AND POTENTIALLY ELIMINATE A VERY IMPORTANT HOBBY OF MINE, RADIO CONTROLLED (R/C) MODEL AIRPLANES, HELICOPTERS, CARS AND BOATS.

YOUR NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM) IN PR DOCKET 92-235 REPLACES PART 90 OF YOUR RULES WITH A NEW PART 88. PART 90 ALLOWS FOR SAFE USE OF R/C AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE MODELS BY KEEPING 10 KHZ SPACING BETWEEN FIXED COMMERCIAL USERS AND FREQUENCIES USED BY R/C ENTHUSIASTS. THE NEW PART 88 WILL ALLOW MOBILE USERS ON FREQUENCIES WITHIN 2.5 KHZ OF FREQUENCIES AVAILABLE TO US, ELIMINATING SAFE USE OF AT LEAST 31 OF THE 50 CHANNELS ON THE 72 MHZ BAND AND 10 OF THE 30 FREQUENCIES ON THE 75 MHZ BAND NOW USED BY HOBBYISTS. IN FACT, MORE CHANNELS WILL LIKELY BE AFFECTED.

THIS ACTION WILL HAVE A SEVERE, DETRIMENTAL IMPACT UPON ME AND THE ENTIRE R/C HOBBY INDUSTRY. IF PUT INTO EFFECT, MY AIRPLANE OR HELICOPTER COULD EASILY BE SHOT OUT OF THE SKY BY A MOBILE USER I'D HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING ABOUT. THIS CREATES A SEVERE HEALTH HAZARD.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS HOBBY FOR 18 YEARS. I OWN 4 RADIOS, 7 MODEL AIRPLANES, 2 CARS, AND 1 BOAT. IN ADDITION, I HAVE NUMEROUS ENGINES, MOTORS, CHARGERS, FIELD ACCESSORIES AND OTHER PRODUCTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT MY HOBBY. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER R/C HOBBYISTS IN THE U. S. JUST LIKE ME, THESE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES WILL AFFECT A LOT OF PEOPLE ECONOMICALLY AND IN TERMS OF ENJOYMENT.

I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS. KEEP 10 KHZ SPACING BETWEEN ALL FREQUENCIES ON 75 MHZ AND 72 MHZ BANDS AVAILABLE FOR SAFE USE BY R/C ENTHUSIASTS. PLEASE DON'T ELIMINATE THIS HOBBY THAT HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS AND HAS SO MUCH INVESTMENT OF MONEY AND ENJOYMENT OF PEOPLE NATIONWIDE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

Your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

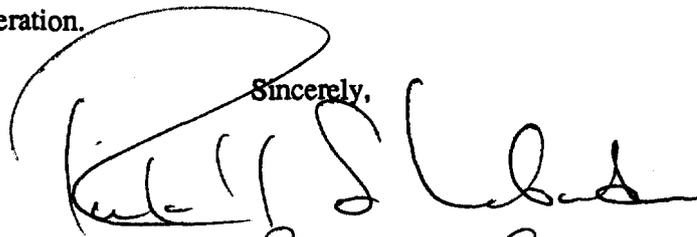
This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for 1 years. I own 1 radios and 2 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I have been involved in this hobby for 9 years. I own 4 radios and 9 model airplanes helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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DEAR SIRs:

I HAVE BEEN A RC MODELER FOR 40 YEARS AND NOW FACE THE LOSS OF MY LIFE-LONG HOBBY.

YOUR PROPOSED RULE # 92-235 WOULD RENDER USELESS SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS OF VERY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT. WE (R.C. MODELERS) COULD NOT OPERATE IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF CLOSE SPACED HIGHER POWER TRANSMITTERS WITHOUT CAUSING A GREAT SAFETY PERIL TO R.C. FLYERS AND SPECTATORS. A FULLY CONTROLLED MODEL PLANE IS A JOY TO WATCH, BUT, UNCONTROLLED IT COULD CAUSE GREAT DAMAGE.

PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY A WHOLE HOBBY AND WAY OF LIFE FOR ME. I HOPE YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE RADIO CONTROL PEOPLE WITH SOME INTERFERENCE FREE FREQUENCIES.

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**Urgent: Serious problem with PR Docket 92-235.**

Dear Sirs:

**Please help me!** My hobby is the construction and operation of radio controlled model airplanes. I have been in this hobby for many years and have a considerable investment in it. It is a wonderful hobby for young and old. Also, I have many friends in this hobby.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will absolutely cause radio interference on the majority of frequencies currently assigned for RC model aircraft use. Safety is very important in this hobby.

Our RC frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. We share this band with the private land mobile dispatch operations. However, now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging this band. The mobile frequencies will be separated by 5 KHz but they will bracket the RC frequencies by only 2.5 KHz. This will cause interference on the RC channels. In addition **the technical specifications for the new mobile equipment allows a frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on an RC channel.**

Can you imagine all the RC airplanes, each costing several hundred dollars or more, that will be crashing to the ground because someone uses a "mobile" telephone in the vicinity. We modelers have controls and rules in place to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and also the protection of surrounding property. But there will be no protection against these new frequencies because they are "mobile" and we would never know where they are.

The frequency changes are proposed by the FCC Land Mobile Service. The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (**NPRM - PR Docket 92-235**)

All over the country there are organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. Spectators often number in the thousands at these events. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and my family. *Please help keep model aviation safe.*

**The FCC must not be allowed to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.**

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FCC  
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RE:PR Docket 92-235  
FCC Frequency Usage

Dear Sirs,

As a radio controlled modeler of many years I have always tried to maintain a safe and sound outlook on the hobby. The new use you are now proposing would greatly diminish the SAFETY of the RC flyer. The proposed new usage of frequencies squeezed between those now in use would jeopardize the safety of the public.

The frequencies now in use are shared already with land mobile users. A safety margin is in place so interference between users is not a problem at this time. But with the new proposals TWO more "users" would be sandwiched in the safety margin we now have.

My investment currently is about 9,000 dollars in planes and equipment. The models are expensive to build and maintain so care and safety is of the utmost concern when I fly them. Flying at a forest preserve field, the general public always stops to watch. I would hate to think of the liability for taking my safety margin away. The creation of unsafe airwaves would cause me to quit the hobby.

I think that you should maintain the 72-76 MHz band as it is now. Starting a new service with state of the art equipment would allow you to assign other areas of the airwaves to the new users. Placing the new users between the existing users, again, compromises the safety margin I now have.

Sincerely,



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It has recently come to my attention that the FCC is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important leisure activity of mine, the flying of radio controlled model airplanes.

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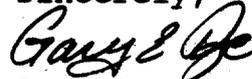
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I have been involved in this hobby for 15 years. I own 5 radios and a dozen model airplanes. Some of these model airplanes have a value of \$5000 or more. I also have many engines and accessories necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C enthusiasts in the U.S. just like me, the proposed rule changes will affect a large number of people both economically and in terms of their leisure time enjoyment. In addition, most people in the R/C hobby were required to purchase new equipment or have existing equipment updated to the new 10Khz spacing in January of 1991. This was done at considerable expense. Now, the new equipment we have just recently purchased is in danger of becoming unusable.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal. Keep the 10Khz spacing between all frequencies on the 72 MHz and 75 MHz band available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that is enjoyed by so many hundreds of thousands of Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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