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DEAR SIR,

I AM A RADIO CONTROL FLYER AGAINST  
PR DOCKET 92-235. KEEP 10 KHZ  
SPACING BETWEEN ALL FREQUENCIES ON  
75 MHZ AND 72 MHZ BANDS FOR SAFE USE  
BY R/C ENTHUSIASTS.

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Mr. Phil Bradford  
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Dear Mr. Bradford:

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I want to let you know that I am opposed to a change that the FCC is planning to make. This change, if implemented, will have a devastating effect on me; so I am asking you to consider abandoning plans to make this change.

My hobby is building and flying radio-controlled model airplanes. I've been enjoying this hobby since 1971, and it is now also my career, as I am involved in the manufacturing of R/C model kits (Great Planes Model Manufacturing, Urbana, IL). I am a member of the local R/C club, with a membership of 140 members.

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The proposed change is known as: **Federal Communication Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM -PR Docket 92-235)**. If this change is implemented, I believe it would put an end to our current ability to reliably and safely fly model airplanes by radio control.

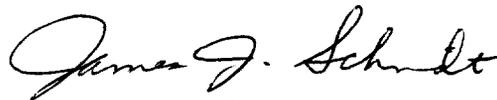
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Please do what you can to prevent this rule change from taking place, and encourage the FCC to develop an alternative plan that would not compromise our ability to have full control over our model airplanes.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,



James J. Schmidt

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Dear Mr. Bradferd:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Your Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM -PR 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profoundly negative effect on radio controlled model frequency use.

I belong to an Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered radio controlled model airplane club of 143 members. Your proposed rules would severely impact my ability to safely enjoy this recreational activity. They would also render my present radio equipment obsolete! This would be a considerable financial loss to me. The radio equipment I presently use is state-of-art equipment. I have, just recently (1991), voluntarily upgraded my radio equipment in order to co-exist safely with the commercial users that now share the 72 MHz band with me. The ability to further upgrade in order to safely operate in the proposed environment, to my knowledge, is not possible with existing technology. Technology capable of safely operating with a 2.5 MHz bandwidth, if and when available, would be beyond the means of the hundreds of thousands of active radio control enthusiasts that now safely use the 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands.

Champaign, IL, where I am located, is one, if not the major location of the established and healthy radio controlled model industry. I know many members who work in the industry or have friends and relatives who do. The limiting of activity in radio control modeling would reduce demand for the products supplied by these businesses, which would result in the loss of jobs for some of these members and friends. The industry employs several hundred other area residents who would also feel the negative impact of your new rules.

It is very unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the present users of the 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands. I ask that you reconsider your thinking on the portion of PR Docket 92-235 that affects the hundreds of thousands of present users of the 72 MHz and 75 MHz bands.

Yours truly,

Don Senn

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Dear Mr. Bradford

FCC - MAIL ROOM

I have been interested in aviation as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I personally own 1 radio, 1 R/C model and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models. I am concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio controlled frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with 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 (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies are diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile users at the expense of the radio controlled modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many of hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely  
Connie J. Barnd

*Connie J. Barnd*  
134 Westview Drive  
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**TIMOTHY V. "TIM" JOHNSON**  
ASSISTANT REPUBLICAN LEADER  
104TH DISTRICT

*92-235*

January 21, 1993

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Bradford:

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The enclosed letters from some concerned constituents are, I believe, self-explanatory. Your examination and response will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Johnson".

Timothy V. Johnson  
State Representative  
Assistant Minority Leader

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The Honorable Timothy Johnson  
108 E. Anthony Drive  
Urbana, Il. 61801

Dear Representative Johnson

I seek your assistance in preventing the implementation of the Federal Communication Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM -PR Docker 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profoundly negative effect on radio controlled model frequency use.

I am a member of Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), I am a member of a radio control club with about 150 members. Your proposed rules would severely impact our ability to enjoy this recreational activity. They would also render my present radio equipment obsolete, while it is only 18 to 24 months old. In 1991 we upgraded our radios to be able to co-exist with the commercial users that now share the 72 MHz band with us now. The ability to further upgrade in order to safely operate in the proposed environment to my knowledge is not possible with existing technology, if and when available, would be beyond the means of hundreds of thousands of radio controlled enthusiasts that now use the 72 MHz bands.

It is very unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of present users of the 72 MHz band. I ask that you reconsider your thinking on the PR Docket 92-235 that affects the hundreds of thousands of present users of the 72 MHz band.

YOURS TRULY



EDWARD L. ALVIS

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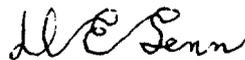
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Yours truly,



Champaign County Radio Control Club  
Don Senn, President

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TECH & H DIVISION  
PRIVATE RADIO BUREAU  
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TO: FCC  
Attn: Land Mobile Division  
Rm5202  
2025 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FROM: Bernard L. Price  
14 Concord Drive  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

DATE: January 29, 1993

SUBJECT: PR Docket 92-235

Gentlemen,

The proposed rule change cited above will, if enacted, threaten both the safety and actual existance of my hobby, Radio Control Modeling. The technical problems involved here are addressed in Part 95 of the FCC Rules and are as follows:

1. The restructuring inserts two new frequencies between those presently assigned for modeling use and commercial users.
2. The power of the commercials exceeds ours by a factor of 4.
3. The band width separation between the commercial land mobile systems and ours would be a mere 2,5 KHz from many of ours.
4. The mobile signals may radiate from any quadrant.

As a retired person, this hobby provides not only many hours of pleasure and companionship, but also the technical challenge, which frankly is quited mentally stimulating. A consideration you may not be aware of is the close affiliation and interaction which occurs between the members of this hobby and some of the younger population, which generates aviation interest, leading to careers in both civilian and military areas.

Further, in my own case, I built my first aircraft model at the age of 13, more years ago than I wish to contemplate. During this time, as would be expected, quite an outlay of money was necessary. Presently, I must have between \$4-5000 involved in the hobby, what with over a dozen Radio Control Sets and close to twenty models, some of which weigh upto 20 pounds.

This brings up the matter of safety, which upto this time has been tightly controlled and promoted by a combination of two organizations, The AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) and the FCC. Most hobbyists fly in public or Green Acres areas. The inherent danger of the proposed rule change very well may jeopardize the built-in safety margins predicated upon the

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present bandwidth separation. It seems that the efforts of all parties upto the present time to limit the liability and ensure the saftey of both hobbyists and the general public will be greatly diminished if the propsed rule change occurs.

To this end, I would respectfully request that this proposed rule change NOT be put into effect. Thanking you in advance for you kind consideration in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard L. Price", written in a cursive style.

BERNARD L. PRICE

cc: Hon. Bill Bradley  
Hon. Frank Lautenberg  
Hon. Dick Zimmer

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Mr. Alfred C. Sikes  
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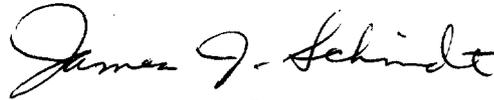
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Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James J. Schmidt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James J. Schmidt

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Chairman FCC  
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Dear Chairman:

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Sincerely,

*H. E. Erickson*

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Sincerely,

Randy Winter

member WRCC  
(Wichita Radio Control Club)

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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing because of a serious threat to a large group of enthusiasts that has implications far beyond what is immediately apparent. For many years, this group including myself has enjoyed the hobby of building and designing model aircraft and the sport of flying them via radio control. My two sons are engineers and I greatly believe that my own technical interests helped to mold their career paths.

My concern centers on proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235.

Please consider these additional implications of the proposed rule-making:

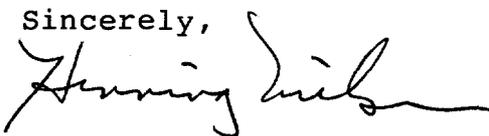
1) A major source of technical interest on the part of young people may be destroyed, along with dedicated interest in craftsmanship and outdoor recreation for many thousands of modelers of all ages. 2) Very substantial investment in present equipment, sometimes amounting to thousands of dollars for an individual, will be lost.

The U. S. has always been a technical innovator and its culture which encourages technical and scientific interests has been a source of past strength and, I am convinced, will continue so if we apply thoughtful measures.

The influence of the radio control field reaches out recreationally, educationally, and economically to the benefit of many citizens and the community at large. The number of young people showing interest is highly gratifying in this period when so many youngsters are dysfunctional.

Please do not allow the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 KHz radio band.

Sincerely,



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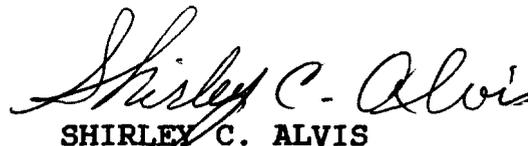
Dear Mr. Sikes:

Your Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM -PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a negative effect on radio controlled model frequency use.

I am a member of Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), I am a member of a radio control club with about 150 members. Your proposed rules would severely impact our ability to enjoy this recreational activity. They would also render my present radio equipment obsolete, while it is only 18 to 24 months old. In 1991 we upgraded our radios to be able to co-exist with the commercial users that now share the 72 MHz band with us now. The ability to further upgrade in order to safely operate in the proposed environment to my knowledge is not possible with existing technology, if and when available, would beyond the means of hundreds of thousands of radio controlled enthusiasts that now use the 72 MHz bands.

It is very unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of present users of the 72 MHz band. I ask that you reconsider your thinking on the PR Docket 92-235 that effects the hundreds of thousands of present users of the 72 MHz band.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask your assistance in preventing the implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM -PR DOCKET 92-235)

I am part of a model aviation club and I fly model airplanes. The proposal inserts 8 new channels right inside our bands that we use to control our aircraft. Some of these craft fly as fast as 200 miles per hour. These new radios will cause interference and we will loose control of our planes. This will result in destruction of property and hopefully never harm to people.

I have had my plane crash while using the 27 mhz band because of interference from CB radios. All the equipment was legal and doing what it was supposed to do but it just overpowered my plane. Its frustrating to watch your plane that you've spent over a hundred dollars for go out of control.

Now I fly in the 72mhz band. I don't know who came up with this idea but I don't think that they know anything about the planes that use the bands today. These new proposed radios will cause our AM radios to mistrack our transmitters and fly out of control.

Please object to the approval of PR DOCKET 92-235.

Sincerely,



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