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Request To Retain Present R/C Frequency Bands As Is.

(NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.)

It has been learned that your commission is contemplating a major revision of the 72 and 75 mhz bands frequencies allotment - much to the detriment of the Radio Control Hobby population. As an individual as well as past president of an AMA organized R/C club with 150 members I implore you not to yield to the commercial pressures trying to 'steal' our bands, or at least to pollute them into uselessness.

Please consider the following: I estimate that members of our club own at least 800 sets of R/C radio equipment - I own 9 sets myself and am about to add a 10th. With about 600 AMA chartered Clubs in the Continental U.S. I estimate a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ million R/C sets in operation at this time. Add to this number members of non-AMA clubs as well as so-called 'free lancers' and the numbers of currently operated sets doubles! And, I have counted only R/C controlled model airplane equipment. Cars and boats figures with which I am not as familiar would easily run the numbers of sets into the multi-millions! A number heard mention once was that there are 5 million hobbyists in the U.S.A., and that the hobby industry grosses several billion dollars annually.

As I understand it the changes you are considering would render obsolete most of our present radio equipment. And sophisticated sets able to operate in the new environment would be super expensive if feasible at all. Meanwhile our ever expanding hobby would suffocate!

We hobbyists are taxpayers, too. While we cannot afford the luxury of lobbyists we do deserve our spot in the radio frequency spectrum sun! Please do not allow those lecherous commercial interests muscle us hobbyists out of existence! After all, we contribute to the welfare of the U.S. economy with big bucks as well! Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,



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Please understand that these models are not toy airplanes. These are flying model airplanes many of which have wing spans approaching 10 feet, gross weights of 30+ pounds, and powered by 3 horse power gasoline engines. Many of the smaller models fly at speeds of 100+ MPH. When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, bystanders, and the protection of property because these models are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to loose control of craft.

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Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHZ band.

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Subject: Opposition to FCC NPRM Docket 92-235

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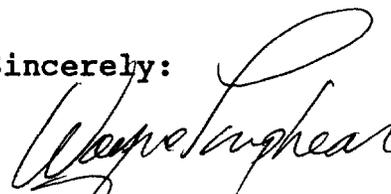
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