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Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senator
101 South Lafayette Street
Starkville, Mississippi 39759

Dear Senator Lott:

This is in reply to your letter of February 10, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Lott
Richard J. Shiben

Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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The Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Al:

I am writing you on behalf of my constituents regarding Proposed Rule Docket 92-235. Enclosed is self-explanatory correspondence I received that I wanted to forward you for consideration and review.

I would sincerely appreciate any information you could provide which would be helpful in responding to these inquiries. You may send correspondence to me at 101 South Lafayette Street, Starkville, Mississippi 39759.

Thank you very much for your advice and counsel. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Trent Lott

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Enclosures

29 January 1993

The Honorable Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lott;

I am a military retiree (27 years service) now employed as a Naval Science Instructor at a local High School. I have been an active radio controlled model airplane enthusiast for the past 20 years. I compete both locally and nationally. As a flight instructor, I have introduced many youths and some older folks also to the experience of controlling an aircraft in flight. Several of these young people have gone on to become aviators (one is a pilot for U.S. Air and another is enrolled in the Air Force Academy) but they all continue to enjoy radio controlled flying. I am currently flying my models at least every weekend and on an occasional afternoon after school lets out.

Personally, I have in excess of \$5,000 invested in this sport. I own 9 radio control units and, right now, I have 5 aircraft ready to fly. These are mostly scale models of full sized aircraft. One is a Piper Cub, another is a Corsair as flown by the Marines in the Pacific during WWII. I also have a model of an Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt and two general sport type aircraft. I have two additional aircraft under construction and several more kits waiting in the wings. Flying, building, and enjoying the camaraderie with the other flyers has become more than just a hobby or sport, it is an avocation. It is the stress relief that allows me to cope with dealing with 130 high school students every day.

I am very concerned about 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 greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control 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.

Now, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower pandowdies and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

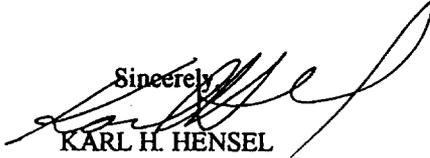
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

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

Sincerely


KARL H. HENSEL

Route 4, Box 264, Meridian, MS 39305

January 28, 1993

The Honorable Senator Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lott,

I have been interested in model aviation for approximately 32 years. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The preceding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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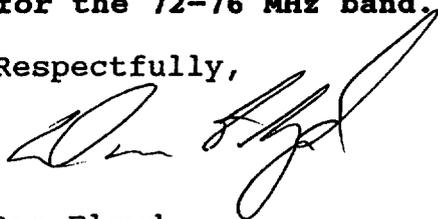
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Floyd', written over the word 'Respectfully,'.

Don Floyd
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January 28, 1993

The Honorable Senator Trent Lott
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lott,

I have been interested in model aviation for approximately 32 years. About 2 years ago I became disabled and started building and trying to fly model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The preceding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Respectfully,

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