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Honorable Bill Barrett  
House of Representatives  
1607 Longworth Building  
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Dear Congressman Barrett:

This is in reply to your letter of February 24, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of 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 in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

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February 24, 1993

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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RE: PR Docket No. 92-235.

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These letters cause me to question whether radio controlled model airplanes were taken into account as these proposed rule changes were drafted. In addition, I understand that this is not the first time those involved in operating radio controlled models have been faced with the cost of replacing expensive equipment or had the safety of their operations compromised due to frequency reallocation.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



BILL BARRETT  
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Bill Barrett  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I derive many hours of enjoyment and construction and operating radio controlled airplanes and trucks and. I own 5 pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. Our club operates in a public area. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable.

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 bandwidths 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 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 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.

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

Sincerely

  
Doug Edwards

DOUG EDWARDS  
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Jack & Carol Ott  
2912 Lakeview Cove  
Hastings, NE 68901

Bill Barrett, U.S. Representative  
1607 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 2, 1993

RE: Public Safety  
Economic Hardship  
Proposed Rule PR 92-235  
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Congressman Barrett:

On behalf of my son, David, an 11 year old, and myself who have a common interest in aviation, I find it necessary to burden you.

You may have already received letters or comments expressing concern about an FCC proposal, PR 92-235.

The proposed rule permits interspersal of new frequencies in between radio control (R/C) frequencies for use by the electronically "sloppy" and less finely tuned cellular phones. This use would "walk on" R/C frequencies and cause interference, with devastating consequences.

The most profound effect will be on public safety. The loss of control, because of radio signal interference, of a flying model weighing anywhere from 2 lbs. to 30 lbs. traveling 50 mph to 200 mph can have severe consequences. Such an object simply becomes an unguided missile.

Economically, the loss of a single aircraft due to interference may be in the Thousands of Dollars (a paltry sum by some standards), but it will not be the only economic effect. The fact is that several tens of millions of dollars worth of radio equipment will become useless because of frequency conflict.

Safety is not a meaningless word in the RC'rs vocabulary it is a passion. We go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, bystanders and property. We carefully coordinate the use of the radio frequencies allocated to our use. If the new frequencies are authorized safety becomes a meaningless word.

Please help David and me continue the safe enjoyment of a hobby that transcends all age groups and professions by voicing your opinion and concerns and lending your influence to this subject. It is urgent, the FCC has a comment deadline of February 26, 1993.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jack R. Ott

and

*David*  
David

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serious injury, and death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the plane. 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 us one of the important or business users of radio.

January 15, 1993

The Honorable William Barrett  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I have just been notified of proposed changes by the FCC that would affect thousands of people across the nation, including myself!

I am a 29 year old resident of Nebraska. I am also an active member of a local Radio Controlled Airplane Club. We club members meet together and fly on a regular basis throughout the entire year. I enjoy this hobby greatly, and would feel a huge loss if it were ever taken away from me.

Contrary to what most people think, our hobby is not just for the wealthy and privileged. Quite the opposite is true. It is enjoyed by young and old in all walks of life. I myself look forward to the day when I can teach my three year old son how to fly these model aircraft.

However, recent proposed rule changes that are currently under consideration by the FCC, PR docket 92-235, would greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model airplane use and if implemented would greatly increase the risk of injury accidents within this hobby.

Current frequency allocations allow our radio control equipment, which operates in the 72-76 MHz band, to coexist with private, land mobile dispatch radios.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile channels by placing additional frequencies between our existing radio control channels. Experts in the field relate, that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, nearly 65 percent will no longer be usable if these new rules are adopted. This action would render nearly all of our existing radio equipment useless.

When flying our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders, as well as the protection of property. If the usable frequencies we now have are altered as proposed by the FCC, the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

The radios that would be using these new channels, are of the mobile design, and could easily be located very near to our flying field. Please understand that many model airplanes are quite large and can fly at speeds of over 80 miles per hour. Radio interference by the afore mentioned mobile dispatch radios could easily cause the operator to loose control of his or her aircraft. We often fly our models in the presence of spectators. The danger of this situation is obvious!

The FCC currently regulates the operation of our airplane radios and they have gone to great lengths to assure

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safety in our hobby. Because of their past history in dealing with the radio channels our hobby uses, I find it hard to imagine how they could consider these outrageous changes.

The FCC and other government officials may not think that we are as important as business users of radios, but this hobby provides hours of enjoyment to thousands of people including myself. It also contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry as well as the military.

As a taxpayer, I am asking you to please help me continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Kenneth D. Ehlers  
811 South Eastman  
North Platte, NE 69101

February 5, 1993

The Honorable Bill Barrett  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: NPRM - PR Docket 92-235

Dear Representative Barrett,

I am a concerned citizen who derives many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating Radio Controller Airplanes. This hobby is a continuation of my interest in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in local clubs, whose members enjoy constructing and operating Radio Controlled Models. In addition, we are very active in community affairs, using our hobby as a way to reach other members of our community.

I am 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 will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72-75 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 FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band-widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio controlled frequencies and will cause interference to radio controlled operations. It is my understanding that of the current 50 frequencies in the 72 MHz band that are currently used by radio controlled enthusiasts for control of model aircraft, 31 frequencies will be impacted leaving only 19 available if the new rules are adapted.

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.

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*Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 20 to 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing serious 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.*

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*Please help all the modelers in our great state and the country to continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-75 MHz band. We believe that the FCC can explore other avenues to resolve this problem without adversely affecting our safety and enjoyment.*

*Sincerely,*



*Martin (Pat) Shafer  
RR #1, Box 56A  
Tekamah, NE 68061*

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- TRANSPORTATION
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February 13, 1993

The Honorable William E. Barrett  
Representative in Congress  
1607 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bill:

I am concerned about proposed rules under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), PR Docket 91-235. If adopted, such rules would reduce the frequencies currently assigned for model airplane usage, and increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

Model airplane radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band, 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 are able to share the bank without one interfering with the other.

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

When model airplanes are flown under radio control, every precaution is taken to assure the safety of operators and bystanders, and the protection of property. Such safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of radio frequencies. If, however, the number of frequencies is diminished, as proposed, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety decreased.

Many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet, and weight up to 30 or 40 lbs. The model airplanes are expensive to build; but moreover, they could cause property damage or serious injury - if radio interferences cause the operator to lose control of the craft. Model airplanes are often flown at organized events and contests, where hundreds of operators and spectators participate. We need our full complement of radio frequencies to assure a safe flying environment.

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It is unwise of the FCC to seek improvement of operating conditions for mobile radio users at the expense of radio controlled model airplanes. This hobby requires considerable investment in models and radio equipment, and brings hours of enjoyment to thousands of citizens. Plus, the hobby contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please support the safe hobby of radio controlled model airplanes, and prevent the FCC from carrying out its proposal for the 72-76 MH band.

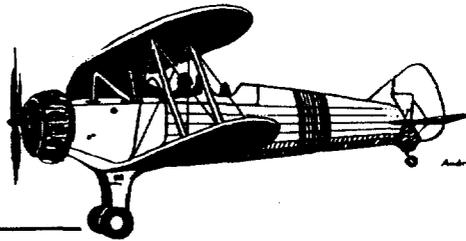
Sincerely,

HAWKINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY



Fred H. Hawkins  
Chairman

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607 Kerr.  
P.O. Box 1154  
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607 Longworth Building  
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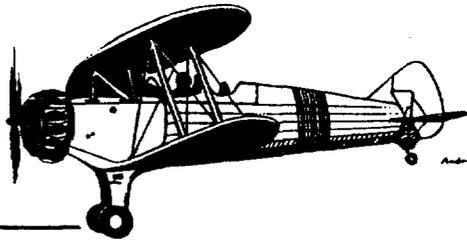
Dear Mr. Barrett,

I am a active member of our local radio controlled model airplane club, The Hastings Skylarks and have been building and flying model aircraft for thirty five years.

I am very concerned by the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, it will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby/sport by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposed PR Docket 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 the proposals from going into effect.

Mr. Barrett if you have time to read the rest of this letter it



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When flying our models under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the flyer, bystanders, to protect the property of others, and also to protect our investment in the model it's self!

If the FCC PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, we will return to the days of the 'CB' radio problems.

The FCC may not think that we are as important as business users of radios, but I have a large investment in my radios, engines, models and other equipment and I don't think it is fair for the FCC to change the current use of the 72-75 MHz band

Attached is a list of our membership roster and a list of the radios in our club. I would put the dollar investment in the radios at about \$25,500.00.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Lyons

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Feb 4 1993  
P O Box 288  
Ord NE 68862

Representative Bill Barrett

667 - [redacted] Office Building

I feel that the proposed frequencies will be so close to our present frequencies, the above interference will occur and will therefore make most, if not all, of my radio units unusable.

Please provide whatever assistance you can to prevent the FCC from proceeding with their proposal to pinch the bands together to such an extent as to render our modeling equipment unusable and/or introduce safety hazards which will be unmanageable.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert T McClure".

Robert T McClure

February 1, 1993

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Dear Mr. Barrett:

I have been interested in model aviation for many years and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I am very active in a local club called the "Grand Island Hi-Flyers" whose members provide entertainment for local youth and adult groups with their flying demonstrations. I personally own several R/C radios and models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operate my models.

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John Anderson  
314 E 17th St  
Grand Island Ne 68801

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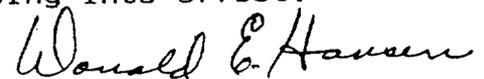
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Donald E. Hansen  
2712 15 AV Central City, NE68826

February 3, 1993  
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Lexington, Ne. 68950

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Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am concerned about the FCC proposed rule making PR Docket  
92-235.

I am a member of the Lexington, Ne. Blacksheep Squadron  
Model Airplane Club of approximately 20 members who fly at  
Lexington Airport Smith Field. I am retired and build and fly  
model airplanes as a hobby. During 1992 I attended Fun Flys  
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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths 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.

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Sincerely,

  
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