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Honorable Byron L. Dorgan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dorgan:

This is in response to your letter of March 2, 1993, in which you expressed your views regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). You are specifically concerned about the potential impact of our final rules on radio remote controlled airplane hobbyists.

Since your letter, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc., (Academy) the largest association of these hobbyists has filed formal comments and met with our agency. As you noted, the Commission is seeking to work with all parties to ensure that this proceeding meets the objective of expanding capacity for

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Mr. James H. Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Quello:

I am writing to you again regarding a proposal by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to revise the regulations governing Private Land Mobile Radio Services (PLMR). Since I wrote to you last, I have heard from many, many more of my constituents who feel that this proposal will have a profound impact on their ability to operate radio controlled devices such as airplanes, helicopters, cars, and boats.

Given the great response that this proposal has generated, I am pleased that the FCC has agreed to extend the comment period for ninety days until May 28, 1993. I am also pleased that the FCC is willing to accept constructive information from those who feel that this regulation will negatively affect them, to ensure that the final rule that is adopted will meet your objective of expanding the capacity for private land mobile radio users, without harming existing users of the spectrum.

Once again, I ask that before the FCC adopts any final rules on this proposal, you work with the concerned parties to ensure that the ability of radio control users to operate their equipment safely is not diminished, and that the rule will not render their equipment outdated -- equipment that many of them have invested a great deal of time and money in.

I realize that you have heard from many radio control users yourself, and that I have already sent you copies of some of the letters I have received on this topic, but if I can be of any assistance in putting you in touch with people who might be able to offer some assistance in the rulemaking process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

I urge you to take their concerns into consideration as you continue with the rulemaking process. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Byron L. Dorgan
U.S. Senator



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