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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Honorable Trent Lott  
United States Senator  
3100 Pascagoula Street  
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

Dear Senator Lott:

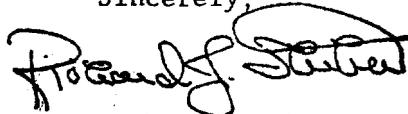
This is in reply to your letter of March 1, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, A. C. Capers, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is 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 constituent's 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 constituent's letter 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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March 1, 1993

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RE: PR Docket 92-235  
A. C. Capers

Dear Sir:

I am writing and respectfully requesting your help in addressing the issue pertaining to the above referenced constituent. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter and additionally would welcome any information you could provide which would be helpful in responding to Mr. Capers.

Please respond to my attention at my hometown office: 3100 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

T. Lott

A. C. Capers  
604 Porter Avenue  
Ocean Springs, Ms 39564

18 February 1993

The Honorable Trent Lott  
487 Russell Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lott,

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio control model planes. I have been interested in aviation as long as I can remember. I am a member of a local club of about 30 members, ages 13 to near 70, who also enjoy this hobby.

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.

Our radio control frequencies are in 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 band widths 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.

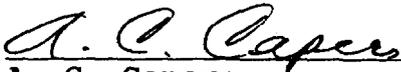
When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If

complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it 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 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 the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



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