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Dear Sergeant Faulkner:

This is in reply to your letter to President Clinton 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.

You 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 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 letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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The Honorable Bill Clinton
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February 1, 1993

Dear Mr. President,

I am a retired serviceman from the U.S. Air Force. Upon my return to Kentucky, I have intended to pursue my hobby in model aviation. I derive many hours of enjoyment building and operating radio controlled models. I am an active member of the Flying Cardinals Club located in Northern Kentucky. I own 2 pieces of radio equipment that was just modified to meet the latest restriction placed on these particular radio bands. Another modification would increase cost to thousands of radio control operators because this change renders our radios virtually useless. Our club sponsors local and national sporting events, including an annual show at the Big Bone park. At all our public functions, there are quite a few spectators that enjoy our shows and some eventually pursue the hobby. The safety of the spectators will be greatly reduced if these frequencies are allowed to be changed.

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

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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 commercial aviation industry.

From the recent news, I am impressed that you are prepared to stand up for the rights of the people when they are endangered. My rights to fly radio-controlled planes safely is being threatened because someone wants to make more money on frequency changes. Please aid the hobbyists around the country and protect their rights. Please prevent the frequency changes proposed by the FCC and help me continue the safe enjoyment of my favorite pastime.

Sincerely,



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