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I am a member of a very special club. It deals primarily with model aviation. However, the overall picture is much greater. I feel that what we contribute to the community is our strongest asset. We sponsor mall shows, at our expense, flying demonstrations for various charities and all just to educate and entertain with aviation.

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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.

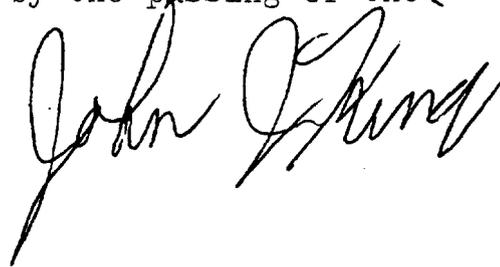
Sincerely,
David H. Ubercorn

JAN 28 1993

January 21, 1993

The Honorable David Mann:

This is in regards to Pr Docket 92-235. I have just recently started to become involved in R.C. Planes. I have spent close to one thousand dollars or more in equipment. We fly in public areas and the new frequencies would affect safe operations of my planes, possibly causing damage to property and, or people. Please consider finding an alternative solution to the frequency change. I would hate to lose or destroy equipment due to interference which could be caused by the passing of the suggested legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

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THE HONORABLE DAVID MANN
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

DEAR MR. MANN:

JAN 29 1993

I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN AVIATION FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. I AM VERY ACTIVE IN OUR LOCAL FLYING CLUB THE CINCINNATI AEROMODELERS AND WE VERY MUCH ENJOY CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES.

MY CONCERN IS ABOUT THE 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 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 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 TO 55 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 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 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,

Jerome A Hogan

4205 Eddystone Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45251
15 January, 1993

The Honorable David Mann
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Mann:

My hobby shop just informed me of proposed new rules by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235) that greatly disturbs me. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use while substantially increasing the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

I am a retiree and spend many hours enjoying my hobby of flying radio controlled model airplanes. Myself, along with tens of thousands of other hobbyists, have a considerable investment in our models. In order to protect that investment, the property of others and most especially life and limb, we take great care to operate our models in a safe manner.

The proposed new frequency allocations for land mobile use are so close to those assigned for model operation that legal tolerances allowed may actually overlap the model frequencies. When one of those land mobile transmitters operates within range of a model aircraft in flight, the model will become uncontrollable and will crash. Not only will the model be destroyed, it may threaten life, limb and property.

In addition, of the 50 frequencies now available for the control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if the new rules are adopted. The economic impact of this would be tremendous. I currently own three sets of radio equipment costing about \$1,000 that would become obsolete and unusable. The cost of replacing existing equipment would drive many from the hobby.

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. I therefore ask that you help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



M. L. Milliner

Dear Representative Mann 1-30-93

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The FCC is considering an action that will have a profound effect on model frequency use. Our club of fifty members, many of which are active in local and national events. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable.

Please vote no to PR Docket 92-235

Sincerely

Terry Boston

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OPINION FORM

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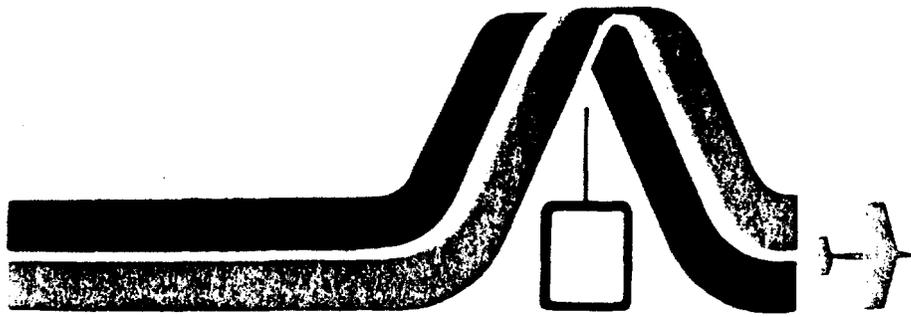
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STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT

Voices his opposition to PR Docket 92-235 regarding new frequencies allotted to Motorola.

*also requested copy of document.
Sent 2/1/93*



The Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club

1707 Aspenhill Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

January 29, 1993

The Honorable David Mann
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Mann:

I am very active in a local club whose 250 members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I fly planes that weigh up to 12 pounds and fly as fast as 180 MPH. Safety is our club's main concern when we fly.

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.

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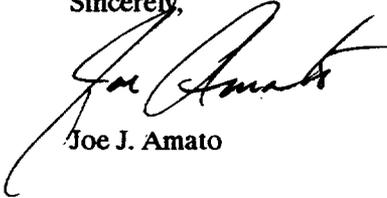
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Amato". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joe J. Amato