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Honorable Trent Lott  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lott:

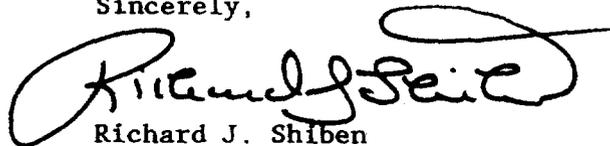
This is in reply to your letters of February 12-19, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the 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. Shibben  
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February 17, 1993

Ms. Lou Sizemore  
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Dear Ms. Sizemor:

I am taking the liberty of contacting you with respect to the enclosed constituent inquiries.

The attached correspondence details the nature of my constituents concerns, and I would sincerely appreciate your providing me with information which would be of assistance in my response.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter, and with kind regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Trent Lott

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J. Keith Miller  
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The Honorable Trent Lott  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Lott,

I am writing to you concerning PR Docket 92-235.

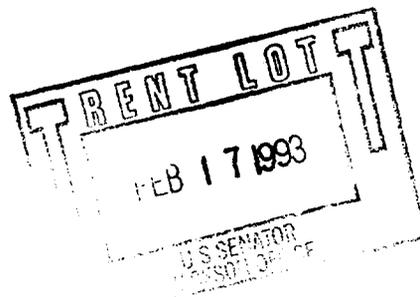
My teenage son and I have been flying radio controlled airplanes for the last 3 years. This is an important and special time for me to spend with my son. He saved up \$250.00 mowing lawns from the time he was in the 6th grade to pay his half of the radio equipment and airplane. Since then, I have bought a second radio and airplane, which I am building.

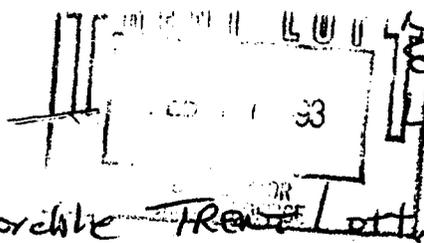
As I understand PR Docket 92-235, the restructuring of the radio frequency assignments would be hazardous and possibly deadly. If there is radio interference with the my airplane, then I can not longer control it! Our airplane weighs about 8 pounds and spins a 10 inch propeller at 12,500 RPM. Can you imagine the damage and injury that could result?

I am opposed to this change that would either make our equipment useless and obsolete or would make our hobby a danger to life, limb and property.

Sincerely,

  
J. Keith Miller





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THE Honorable ~~Trent Lott~~

I have been interested in Aviation, Model Aviation for 30 years, and I am active in a local club for Remote Control Model Aircraft. I am concerned about rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of freq. currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling Model Airplanes, & the FCC if they knowingly put the freq. so close & it (Radio) caused the incident. I have approx 10,000 invested in this hobby not including Insurance Premiums for Liability. Models have wingspans from approx: 39" to 10' & weigh anywhere from 4lbs to 50lbs and sustain speeds of 65 to 185 mph. We go to great lengths for safety obviously and this rule change would virtually shut us down due to the close (non-tolerance) of the radios to be used by the Commercial Band Change by the FCC.

I enclose a photo of a model to show you these are not toys. Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz Band.

Sincerely

Bill [Signature]

February 4, 1993

The Honorable Trent Lott  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lott

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. 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 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. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

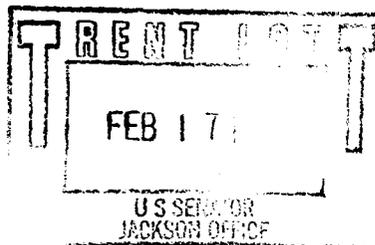
I do not think it is wise of the FCC of seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. 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.

Sincerely

*Michael G. Riley*  
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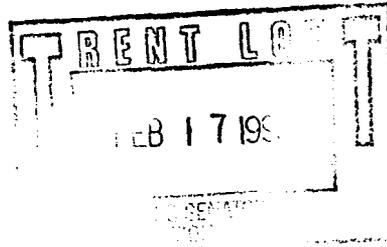
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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Trent Lott  
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Dear Senator Lott:

I am a citizen of Mississippi and greatly enjoy the sport/hobby of model aircraft building and flying. I have several aircraft and belong to a local club who enjoy and promote modeling in the Jackson, Mississippi area. Our club is the Mid Miss. Radio Control Club.

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.

We currently share the 72 - 76 mhz band with the private land mobile dispatch operations without any interference.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band allocation. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to our radio control (R/C) frequencies and cause interference to R/C operations.

When we fly our model airplanes we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and spectators and property. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly diminished.

Please understand the some of our model aircraft have wing spans of 10 feet and weigh 30 pounds. The models are capable of causing property damage, and even death to spectators if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Please help me and the thousands of modelers in America and Mississippi continue the safe enjoyment of our pastime by NOT ALLOWING the FCC to carry out its proposals in PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

Andre' Landrum