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DEAR SECRETARY-FCC

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I AM VERY OPPOSED TO PLANNED
FCC REGULATORY FEES ON BOATERS
AND OTHER MARINERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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Secretary of the FCC
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir,

This letter is in reference to your proposal to install a "user fee" on holders of VHF Marine Licenses. I feel that the primary reason for having this radio on the boat is for BOATING SAFETY for myself, family and other boaters.

I believe that by you doubling the cost of this marine VHF license it will have a negative impact on BOATING SAFETY causing some boaters not to have one on board their vessel. As a result this could cost a life.

The VHF Marine radio was designed to be a instrument to make boating a safe pastime not a tool to raise revenues.

PLEASE STOP THE " USER FEE" !!!

Yours truly,

Brendan Sullivan
To Eimer St.
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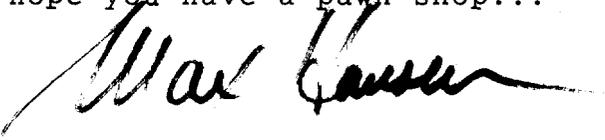
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Secretary of the FCC
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In regards to the user fee for VHS marine radio you wish to impose upon the boaters of the United States of another \$35.00 on top of the already \$35.00 for the licensing we now have, is extremely unreasonable. In talking to other boaters, their response was the same as mine, that is to remove the radio and use the CB, AM/FM radio for weather and cellular phone for emergencies. Several boaters said they would send you their radio.

Hope you have a pawn shop!!!



Max Hansen

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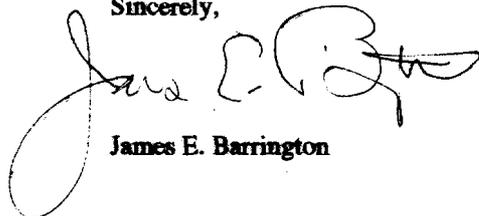
January 12, 1994

Secretary of the FCC
Office Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am opposed to the proposed increase in user fees on holders of VHF marine radio licenses because of the adverse impact I believe it will have on marine safety. Small boatmen such as lobstermen, clammers, fishermen, oystermen etc. and many not-so-well-heeled recreational sailors depend heavily on VHF marine radios for their safety. It can literally mean the difference between survival and loss of life. I personally know of a caretaker and his wife who live on an island about eight miles at sea who can not afford a VHF for their open boat which they frequently must use to get to town during rough weather. There are many like them, and if you increase the fees, many will have to give up their VHF life lines. I urge you not to do it. If anything, the FCC should be looking to make marine VHF more available to all mariners. Please consider my plea. Lives will be hanging on your decision.

Sincerely,



James E. Barrington

cc: Sen. John F. Kerry

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12 January, 1994

Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

Mr. Secretary:

Rumor has it out here that Congress has mandated the FCC to increase the radio license fee for boaters and other mariners from \$35/five years to \$70/five years. Rumor also has it this increase could be waived if it would promote the public interest if the fee remains low. I, as a member of the general boating public, do not want the fee raised.

My wife and I sail a 27-foot sloop on San Francisco Bay. We carry a VHF radio on board and it has a current license. We use the radio for making a couple of ship-to-shore phone patches a year, to receive weather broadcasts, and it is nice to know that it's there in case of trouble. Most of the time it just hangs there unused.

I understand the FCC requires licenses, and a fee should be charged for said licenses. However, I feel that \$35 is excessive for the use of the public's airwaves. When I read that you are considering *doubling* this fee I feel Washington is once again sticking it to the boater for more money because the boater is evil and must be taxed. I hate that, and every few years somebody in government comes up with another scheme to extract money from the boating public. Not every boater fits the Cliff Robertson, idle rich Republican stereotype, at least not on this coast.

Please do not raise the radio license fee. That would be most annoying.

Sincerely,



Eric Quamen

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Secretary
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RE: Planned FCC Regulatory Fees

Dear Secretary:

It is my understanding that Congress has mandated that the FCC increase fees for Ship Station Licenses. I further understand that Congress has authorized the FCC to waive the increase if such action would promote public interest. As a serious boater dedicated to promoting safe boating, I am very much interested.

A VHF Marine radio telephone is a piece of boating equipment as fundamental to public safety as personal flotation devices. Doubling the fee for a Ship Station license is like taxing lifejackets. The majority of the boating public, or at least a significant number, will most likely refuse to pay the new fees, much as they refused to pay the late Vessel Use Fee. Though I realize that it would be contrary to your purpose, as a boater "out there" on the water, I would hope that they would continue to maintain their radios, fees or not. Should I call for help, I really don't care if the radio that hears my call is licensed or not. However, as a serious boater and law abiding citizen, I would hate to see the marine radio band reduced to the babble of outlaw Citizen Band for lack of regulation.

No regulations require recreational boats to be equipped with radio telephones. Like most boating accessories, cost determines if it is a necessity or a luxury. Marine radios should always be considered necessities. They must not be made into expensive toys by soaring licensing fees.

I sincerely hope that you will consider the impact on public safety before enacting the increased fee schedule. Human lives may very well depend on your decision.

Sincerely,



David R. Langerman

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Office of the Secretary

It has come to my attention that the FCC is currently planning to increase the renewal fee for a ships station license. As I recall it wasn't long ago that the fee went from ten or fifteen dollars to the present thirty five dollars. If the FCC wants to double their fee they need to justify their request.

I believe that the testing for a marine radio operators license is long overdue. This might help eliminate some of the misuse of the marine radio frequencies. Like everyone else I would expect improved service for a fee increase. I think I would have a difficult time convincing my employer that I needed a 100% increase in salary without a like increase in production.

Please keep me informed on this matter.

Sincerely



CC: Senator Slade Gorton
Senator Patty Murry
U.S. Rep. Jolene Unsoeld

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