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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Regarding the proposed increase in fees for the marine ship station license.

We are in the marine business, selling new and used sailboats to everyday citizens. It is our belief that the new, proposed fees will have a serious, negative impact on recreational boating safety.

The fee will discourage boaters from owning a VHF radio, which they could use to help themselves, or someone else.

To encourage safety and reduce your costs, you should eliminate the ship station license requirement on recreational vessels. For mariner's awareness of proper VHF use, VHF regulations and for enforcement, you should keep the operators license.

Don't let money for the FCC coffers override the best interests of the boating public.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hunt
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

It has come to our attention that the FCC has proposed an increase in regulatory fees as regards recreational marine VHF Shipboard License. We, and most all of our customers are strongly opposed to this increase in fees for the following reasons:

1) Since marine radios are optional and not voluntary, total fee revenue may well decrease as boaters opt to not license existing or new radio units. **Maritime safety will also suffer** as a consequence of decreased radio usage.

2) The **proposed fee increase exceeds the cost of many VHF marine radios** and is oppressive and burdensome; as well as counterproductive. It is our understanding that the United States Coast Guard has gone on record opposing the increase for many of these same reasons.

3) We believe it to be in the public interest for the FCC to waive the proposed fee increase, and understand that the FCC has the option to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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