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Today's representative frequency coordination has its roots in the Commission's belief that frequency coordinators who are knowledgeable about and representative of the users they serve guarantee effective coordination and prevent discrimination among users. The system was initiated in the late 1940's and continued to develop as the Commission reallocated more spectrum and created additional radio service user-groups. The importance of the system was reinforced in 1986 when the Commission in Report and Order PR Docket No. 83-737, stated "having one coordinator in a radio service will substantially simplify the coordination process and will facilitate the basic purpose of coordination, which is to maximize the quality of frequency recommendations."

Industry-specific channel allocations have been successful due in large part to many of the same reasons which dictate representative frequency coordination. A "one-size-fits-all" approach to frequency pooling and assignments would not be capable of accommodating all of the differences in the various industry groups such as forest products, railroads, manufacturing, farming and many other basic industries that are so vital to the Nation's economic well being. Industry specific allocations give frequency coordinators the control they require in order to ensure that the particular needs of the users they represent can be met with specific channel assignments.

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The current system of industry-specific frequency assignments and user-representative frequency coordinators has served the FCC and the Private Land Mobile Radio Services well for nearly 50 years and should be retained.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George C. Kirkmire". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

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