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Reference **RM 9267**

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that I **oppose** the action asked for in RM 9267 by the Land Mobile Communications Council.

The frequency bands from 420 to 430 and 440 to 450 MHz. are used by many thousands of amateur radio operators every day for routine communications. There are thousands of amateur radio repeaters located on these frequencies, scattered all across the country. They are used for many emergency communication needs, it is the amateur radio operators that provide communication during disasters when nothing else works and these frequencies are essential for this purpose.

I personally use these frequencies for public service communications at city sponsored events, they are often the only frequencies available for this use. Loss of these frequencies would be a disaster for the amateur community here in Los Angeles due to the crowded conditions on other bands.

Again, I **oppose** any change in the status of the frequency bands from 420 to 450 MHz.

Sincerely,



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