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Ms. Magalie Roman Sales  
 Secretary, FCC  
 Room 222  
 1919 "M" Street, N.W.  
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Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Magalie Roman,

My name is Anthony Mollner KF6IFB and I am a fairly new amateur radio operator. After many years of longing to be a "HAM" as a child I finally studied for my License and took the exam to receive my Technician Class License about 1 1/2 years ago and have really enjoyed the hobby. I operate primarily on the Two meter and 70C band and have recently learned that the FCC is considering limiting the use of these Frequency between 420-450 Mhz. I urge you not to take these frequencies from us since the band is already VERY full of amateur operators and this would crowd the remaining frequencies almost beyond use. Thank you for reading my letter and I hope that you agree with me on this issue.

Sincerely

Anthony Mollner KF6IFB

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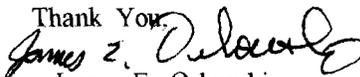
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May 29, 1998

SECRETARY OF THE F.C.C.  
WASHINGTON D.C.  
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Dear SIRS,

I am writing in regards to RM-9267, and asking that you oppose this request. I am a member of the Big Rapids Amateur Radio Club, which owns and operates a 440 repeater. This repeater is used for emergency communications, traffic nets, emergency training for such disasters, as well as severe weather nets for reporting incidents of severe weather, as well as health and welfare. I feel that to grant such a request would endanger many lives as well as property. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Thank You  
  
James E. Orłowski  
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In the Matter of )  
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An Allocation of Spectrum for )  
Private Mobile Radio Services ) RM-9267  
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To: The Secretary,  
Federal Communications Commission

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO RM-9267

I am writing in opposition to the Land Mobile Communications Council's proposal to re-allocate the 420-430 MHz and 440-450 MHz frequency spectrum to commercial, private, land mobile applications. Instead, I ask that the Commission change the Amateur allocation from secondary to co-primary with the U.S. government. Prior to the Cold War era, the Amateur Radio Service was a primary status user of these frequencies. With the tremendous success of the modern "no code" Technician license and the high growth of Amateur UHF operations, now is the time to restore Amateur Radio's historic primary status within the 420-450 MHz band.

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Private and for-profit radio services do not have mutually compatible interests with the Amateur Radio Service. Sharing between private land mobile and the Amateur Radio Service, as proposed by the LMCC, will not work. The 420-450 MHz band is the second most used VHF/UHF Amateur Radio allocation. The loss of these frequencies will cause severe disruption to the mission of Amateur Radio, as specified in C.F.R. Title 47 Part 97.1, and will render severe harm to the Amateur's ability to support numerous government and non-profit relief agencies.

I respectfully request that you DENY the request of the LMCC to share the Amateur radio allocations at 420-430 and 440-450 MHz. Instead, I request that the Commission restore Amateur Radio's historic co-primary status in the entire band 420-450 MHz.

Sincerely,



Gregory D. Hammerel N9ZDC

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RM 9267  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
419 M St. NW  
Washington, DC 20554

I am opposed to giving up the privileges in referenced bill. Those frequencies are the back bone to amateur radio and emergency communications.

  
Mary Chiphant  
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1616 Montclair Street  
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RM-9267  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St., NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary,

**I urge you to reject the proposed request by the LMCC concerning the reallocation of the 420-430 MHz segment of the 70-cm band.**

First, the claims by the LMCC as to how much money is to be made are from re-allocation are invalid and **contrary to the public interest**. Public money from colleges, universities, and emergency management offices as well as private funds such as my own station have been invested extensive communication systems to support the public welfare. **The LMCC will only give only give lip service to the public welfare and they won't be there when a disaster strikes.**

Second, **RM-9267 would destroy the part of Amateur Radio that I have devoted much of my time to in the last ten years.** I am a member of the Amateur Radio Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) and those frequencies are used by myself and other amateur satellite enthusiasts to communicate through satellites. These are satellites that we funded with our own money, built, and were then launched for free use of all amateur radio operators.

**Please reject RM-9267 as it is an affront to the public interest.**

Sincerely yours,



Raymond F. Hoad  
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Secretary, FCC  
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1919 M Street, NW  
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Re: LMCC Petition for Rule Making (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

I would like to take this opportunity to show our support for the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. I applaud the FCC for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

J's Communications is a Motorola dealer in the Central Valley, the agricultural center of California. We began in 1991 with one employee and two sales representatives; we have since grown to four employees and eight salesmen. J's Communications not only sells two-way radio equipment, but uses it in our day to day operations as well; they are vital to getting messages and information to everyone.

The lack of a private wireless spectrum in the 150, 450, 800 and 900 MHz bands has hindered our ability to provide the type of services to which our customer base has become accustomed. We have many customers that complain of interference and cross talk, therefore not enabling them to effectively service their clients. While cellular and PCS do have their place in many industries, they are not for everyone. Many companies cannot afford to provide their numerous employees with cellular phones that have per minute charges; it is more cost effective to give employees two-way radios that have a flat fee for unlimited talk time. This issue affects everyone, not just dealers.

The benefits of a new spectrum are huge. Just as the lack of it affects many, so does its implementation. I urge the FCC to act quickly as the problems associated with the lack of the spectrum are increasing.

Sincerely,

*Sandra Range*

Sandra Range  
Office Manager

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**FCC MAIL ROOM**

Re. LMCC Petition for Rule Making (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Radio Communications, Inc. is filing in support of the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC, seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. We applaud the FCC for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

We are a radio communications company with ten employees serving customers in the central Utah area. There are over one thousand customers that we provide communications sales and service to. The communications provided are a critical part of our customers daily business operations. We have been in business for 47 years meeting the communication needs for the people of central Utah.

These FCC proceedings will have a profound impact on my business and on many other businesses that significantly contribute to the overall economy here. Due to a lack of radio spectrum it has severely restricted our ability to meet the needs of our customers. It damages our growth opportunities and the future of our business. We have had to turn business away due to the lack of spectrum. There has been a decrease in the lack of competitiveness in the communications industry. This has hurt the ability of customers to have their own communications system which directly affects their profitability. It has also hurt their productivity and the safety of their employees.

Cellular, PCS and other commercial systems can't solve all of the communications needs. There is a need for immediate radio to radio communications at a low cost, to effectively run their business. Talking cellular to cellular to employees within a company is not an effective way to run a business. The coverage area from cellular and PCS doesn't meet all their communication needs either.

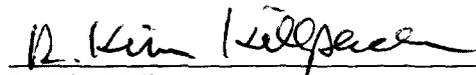
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Having more spectrum will allow our company to provide effective, inexpensive communications for the central Utah area. It will meet the needs that cellular and PCS don't provide, and will provide another inexpensive alternative. This will also allow our business to have a future in the communications industry also.

Please address these issues immediately as the problems associated with the lack of spectrum are increasing. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



R. Kim Killpack  
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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P.O. Box 90  
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May 20, 1998

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ref. RM9267

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I feel I must write and state my opinion on the threat to the Amateur Radio band of 430-450 MHz.

Amateur Radio does not allow for much lobbying since most participants are private (non-profit) individuals. Amateur Radio provides emergency communications when all other communications are impaired by natural disasters.

The 430-450 MHz Amateur band of frequencies provide a backbone of communications for the entire West Coast of the U.S. I was a participant in this organization and it was very impressive and well engineered. The same band of frequencies provide a digital backbone in many countries using Packet communications.

The same band of frequencies is the common mode of satellite communications and I have just purchased a multi-mode duo-band radio that operates on 144 & 430-450 MHz. After I am able to obtain a low noise preamplifier I will be able to provide a digital satellite link here in the Philippines. This is highly needed as my location is cut off from normal terrestrial Packet links to any other location. The need for a satellite link is imperative and I am endeavoring to provide this satellite link. I must be able to use the equipment I have just purchased to be able to provide this link. I can not afford to purchase additional equipment and operate on different frequencies. I am sure many other Amateur Radio operators are in the same position.

Should the 430-450 MHz band be either reduced or shared more than at present (I remember the noise generated from the wind profilers) will truly impact the communications ability that Amateur Radio provides.

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Please consider your position carefully. Amateur Radio does not generate much money but we do provide communications that works in time of disasters (when commercial equipment fails) and occasionally saves lives.

Most Amateur Radio operators are non-profit and should be treated as a non-profit organization that provides communication in times of need. We should be allowed to continue to provide the necessary communications skills we have demonstrated many times in the past in all parts of the world!

I do not think that a commercial concern should be allowed to impact the Amateur frequency spectrum already allocated!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to state my position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Sils". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Peter Sils

KD6QV / DU7LA

I am temporarily in the Philippines and hold the Class A callsign DU7LA. I also hold an Advanced class U.S. license KD6QV and have been licensed since the early 1970's.

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St., NW  
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Reference: RM - 9267

Regarding RM-9267, we are extremely disappointed that the FCC is considering expropriating/diverting two-thirds of an important amateur frequency band for sale to commercial interests. This expropriation of an important Amateur band of frequencies will set the worst possible precedent by declaring Amateur allocations of frequency bands as "Fair Game" in future auctions.

As you are aware, Amateur Radio operators, local clubs, and worldwide organizations such as AMSAT, AMRAD, Skywarn, and many other volunteer Amateur Radio public service and emergency organizations have benefited many communities in the United States on many occasions and in many ways. I am sure you must be aware of the countless emergency and disaster communications provided in nearly every country throughout the world by radio amateurs. We are gearing up at this time to provide assistance during the currently impending Hurricane Season in Florida. These frequencies will become vital in these activities.

In addition to the aforementioned Volunteer Emergency Activities, a tremendous volume of applied research efforts has provided commercial benefits, useful to millions. Much of this R & D has been in the VHF and UHF frequency bands where new technologies are constantly being developed, perfected, and improved by Radio Amateurs.

Please kill RM-9267 as soon as possible.

Most sincerely

David L. Shepard K3DTU  
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Dear Ms. Salas:

The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) recently filed a Petition for Rule Making with the FCC to allocate new spectrum for private and shared-private wireless licensees. The FCC promptly put the Petition on public notice May 1, 1998.

The continual decline of available spectrum is a grave concern for our company. Commtronics of Virginia, Inc., began in 1957 as a Motorola Authorized Service Center. We have evolved through the decades into a full-scale sales, service and consulting firm for virtually all wireless communications. Our locations in Petersburg and Richmond house a staff of nearly 30 employees, and serve the Central and Southside regions of the Commonwealth. Many of Virginia's Fortune 500 companies, independently owned businesses, and public safety entities rely on Commtronics to maintain their wireless systems. Downtime to any of the above means a loss of production and/or a safety risk. The two-way radio system we personally utilize is vital to the efficient operation of our company. It enables us to minimize downtime for our customers, thereby keeping Virginia's economy moving.

New spectrum is desperately needed in the greater Richmond area. Downtown Richmond, the center of commerce, cannot be adequately covered with the available frequencies. There are many other areas in the surrounding counties that also lack sufficient coverage. Cellular and PCS, while they have their niche, cannot solve all communications needs. They allow two parties to converse, while two-way radios provide fleet-wide communications.

Virginia, with its rapid commercial growth and thriving statewide economy, is poised to become a Mecca for the manufacturing of the technologically advanced. We cannot continue to attract and sustain the same caliber of businesses if we cannot provide spectrum for wireless communications. It is critical to production and safety and will be a factor when corporations choose locations. We urge you to support this Petition and open up new spectrum. Thank you

Regards,

*Dale Ramey*  
Dale Ramey  
Vice-President

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Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

We are filing this in support of the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. We appreciate your efforts to resolve this problem.

Our company has been involved in private wireless communications since 1950. We are a pioneer servicer of two way radio. Some of the first wireless systems in the state were installed by our company. We employ over 30 people. Private wireless is very important to the way of life in Southwest Louisiana.

We are in contact with people every day who want new radio systems. PCS or Cellular does not fill their needs. They need contact with personnel away from major Interstate highways. New spectrum will help build new systems to meet their needs.

Please help Land Mobile find new spectrum as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Vincent, Chairman  
LOUISIANA RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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Proposed Reallocation of 420 ) RM 9267  
To 430 Mhz and 440 to 450 Mhz )  
From the Federal Government to )  
The Private Mobile Radio Service )

Fred Lawson AD4HG  
1541 Gordon Ave.S.E.  
Roanoke, Va 24014  
Telephone No. 540-342-9360

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

I would like to voice my opposition to RM-9267 "Proposed Reallocation of 420-430 Mhz and 440-450Mhz from the Federal Government to the Private Mobile Radio Service". Any loss of this Spectrum would result in more crowding and interference in already crowded bands. Our linked voice and Packet systems that have been set up for years nationwide, would be in shambles. Please do not take away something that has taken us years to develop.

I am an Extra Class License Amateur Radio Operator. My call sign is AD4HG. I am also an Accredited Volunteer Examiner. The FCC has long recognized the importance of Amateur Radio in emergency communications. Please help us to continue this important service.

Thank you for your support!

Fred Lawson, AD4HG

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Town: BEDFORD, Texas  
May 18, 1998

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Secretary, FCC  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

As I look at the vast "Radio Spectrum" I only see very small dots designated for Amateur Radio use. Surely, this minimal group of frequencies cannot mean that much to any organization other than the public citizens of America. Amateur Radio has been the largest group of volunteers to pioneer the use of this radio spectrum, not only in technical development, but also in training a "ready group" of semi-professional operators.

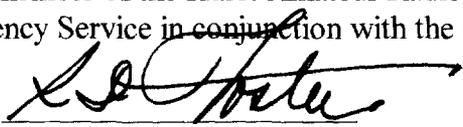
The (450mhz) 70cm band of Amateur Radio is the second most popular band of frequencies, saturated with simplex and repeater connections, linking the Gulf Coast of Texas to/thru Austin to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and on to West Texas. Any tampering with the allocations of these frequencies will certainly jeopardize the Public Service that can and has been rendered in time of Gulf Coast Hurricanes and local 'weather watches' in conjunction with the National Weather Service for the Tornado Warning System.

Any one replacing the use of these frequencies must be responsible for a complete reimbursement to each Amateur Radio Operator for his/her replacement of equipment for other frequencies, and assume the responsibility to organize a complete Weather Warning System as it is now organized by Amateur Radio.

I would like to go on record as being bitterly opposed to any tampering with these frequencies now and any time in the future.

Name: R. D. FOSTER  
Call: WB5GON  
Address: 901 BROWN TR.  
Town, State, and zip BEDFORD, TX 76022

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Signed: 

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison,  
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Congresswoman Kay Granger,  
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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
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May 26 1998

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Re: LMCC petition for rulemaking (RM-9267)

I am writing in support of the Petition for Rule Making files by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless user.

We our a small Radio Dealer located in Willmar, MN. Have been in business for the past 13 years. We presently employ nine people and serve a 60 mile radius. As a Radio Dealer we use and depend tremendously on the availability of spectrum for our customers. The use of private radio spectrum allows us and all people the ability to communicate within their territory. Our customer also find that private radio communications are the most effective means of communication for their business.

As the demand for private communications has INCREASED, the amount of radio spectrum has DECREASED. This has caused a problem of congestion for many of the radio users. The lack of spectrum effects the safety for Public entities providing Police, Fire, Ambulance, Hospital and Local Government trying to communicate and provide services within their districts. The private sector is finding it increasingly difficult to communicate for their business needs because of the lack of spectrum. Many entities are being forced to us costly Cellular communications not by choice but necessity for their communications. Combine this with the increased spectrum demand for Motels, Manufacturing, Restaurants, Farmers, Local Governments and even the general public causing a present spectrum overload.

Lack of frequencies within the 150MHz, 450MHz and inability to acquire 800 or 900 MHz spectrum has limited our growth and profitability. This is also limiting private business growth and profitability because of the inability to effectively communicate.

The Cellular and PCS industries are meant for telephone interface. These system DO NOT and WILL Not meet the demands that we need in rural America. We need to be able to locate many people quickly and effectively through private spectrum in order for Public services and Private Business to grow and provide the services the customers demand

New spectrum will provide clean channels that Public and Private sectors rely for their communication livelihood. It will insure faster response time for Ambulance. Quicker reaction time for Law Enforcement. Better road maintenance control for Highway departments. Reliable and effective communication for the competitive private sector.

Our customer are asking for newer technologies for the ability to send data to vehicle fleets. GPS Locations system are being incorporated within the present spectrum. Machine monitor and control for manufacturing plants. Water irrigation and chemical application by the for Farming market are all request to us by the market place.

I urge the FCC to react quickly and in favor to increase spectrum.

Sincerely

David A Sisser

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Re: LMCC Petition for rulemaking (RM-9267)

I Elaine Edberg am a present private radio communication user.

The user of the private communication is an essential tool for our business. We could not effectively run our organization without radio communications.

Over the past several years we have experienced more congestion's from other radio user breaking up our conversations which has caused hardship through our organization.

The spectrum is congested in our area. The present and future demand for private communications is drastically on the rise in our area.

I understand that the FCC is in the process of reviewing future spectrum for private radio users.

I urge the FCC to react quickly and in favor to increase spectrum for private radio communications.

Sincerely

*Elaine Edberg*  
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Many government agencies and non-profit disaster relief organizations would be tremendously harmed by the loss of the Amateur 420-430 and 440-450 MHz allocations. The following is a partial list of agencies that I have assisted with providing emergency communications via Amateur Radio using the 420-450 MHz band:

- Arson Watch: of the Santa Monica Mountains
- TCEP (Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness) activities (parades, fund raising carnivals)
- DRT (Disaster Response Team) of the TCEP, simulated fires, earthquakes, floods in the Santa Monica Mountains
- American Red Cross: West Los Angeles Chapter, simulated shelter operations in Topanga

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Sincerely,



David Jaquette, WB6AXR

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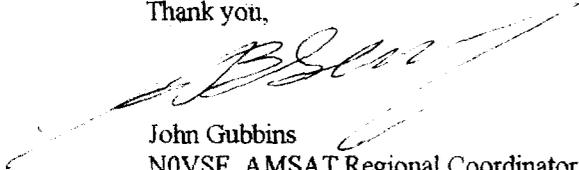
Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to express my displeasure and opposition to the petition filed by the Land Mobile Radio Service to take over the Amateur radio 70 cm band, RM-9267. Amateur radio is a national resource which uses this band heavily. There is a tremendous amount of traffic on this band using many modes including FM voice, Television, Satellite communication and links between repeaters. There is a tremendous capital investment by individuals and clubs in personal radio equipment, repeaters and spacecraft.

The Amateur Radio Service consists of trained personnel who can and do respond to emergency situations all over the country. Amateur Radio comes through when other forms of communications fail in an emergency. Operators are trained in efficient traffic handling. The 70 cm band is an inherent part of this ability.

Personally, I have an investment of around \$3000.00 in 70 cm equipment. It is my opinion that the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure serves the public interest much more than anything the Land Mobile Radio Service will come up with.

Thank you,



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Secretary  
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RE: RM 9267

Gentlemen,

It has come to our attention that the LMCC is demanding that you immediately reallocate most of the 420 to 450 MHz band presently in the amateur radio service. We strongly oppose any such action!

The 420 to 450 MHz amateur radio UHF band is the second most popular of the amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. There are thousands of FM repeaters operating daily from 440 to 450 MHz, and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment, including thousands of point to point links, and a very mature amateur television fraternity.

We at the Western Intertie Network (the WIN System) presently operate five high level UHF repeaters in the 440 to 450 MHz segment, covering from Southern Arizona to Central California, including all of the seven Counties of Southern California. We also operate ten point to point full duplex links.

Our group, the WIN System, has been affiliated with the San Diego County RACES emergency preparedness organization for years, and because of our wide area coverage, we have been able to handle innumerable pieces of emergency traffic during three major fires and two major earth quakes. It is impossible to estimate how many lives we have directly touched during emergencies, however, I am certain we have been a major communications force during these times of emergencies.

The WIN System also routinely operates many of our repeaters for public safety missions. Several times each year WIN System repeaters are used to handle communications at various Marathons, 10K runs, Bicycle Events, and Special Olympics Events for the handicapped. These public service communications activities would be impossible to achieve without the 440 MHz amateur band "wide area coverage" repeaters operated by the WIN System, and donated to public service.

We therefore strongly urge you to deny the demands of the LMCC. We as amateur radio operators continue to provide the above services free to the public. There is never a charge for either the 440 MHz repeater equipment, or the operators who donate their time and expertise during these times of public service. I do not think the LMCC would likewise provide such services free to the public. Their agenda is to make a profit from these frequencies, not to serve the public, free of charge, as is the amateur credo.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection, in the strongest terms, to preempting any part of the 440mhz amateur radio band for any other purpose.

No doubt there are many organizations such as ours dedicated to public service which have built access to the amateur bands into their operational plans. In our case the radio network built up over the past several years has become an integral part of a regional information exchange.

We are small community in the Santa Monica Mountains northwest of Los Angeles which has suffered numerous road closures, communications interruptions and human and animal emergency situations as a result of mud slides and floods., This El Niño years has been worse than many, but only in degree. Since December 1997 we have given some 200-300 volunteer hours a month to public service communications. These have not only saved people many frustrating hours of sitting in traffic stoppages, but have on several occasions helped rescuing people and valuable animals isolated or injured by floods and mud slides.

It would be intolerable to now have to reconfigure our networks and equipment for the convenience of commercial interests. Surely they have the financial and material means to find other solutions.

Sincerely

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