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In RE: RM-9267

Mr. Kennard:

I am writing in reference to the above-referenced petition to tell you of my concerns, as I feel this petition is not in the best interests of myself and other radio amateurs.

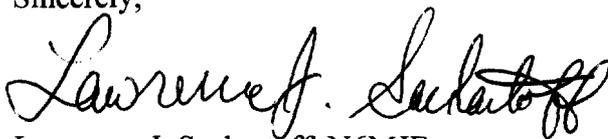
On April 22, the Land Mobile Communications Council filed this petition with your agency that seeks to reallocate the frequency bands 420-430 and 440-450 MHz for the use of the Private Mobile Radio Service. These bands are now heavily used by radio amateurs, operating in the Amateur Radio Service, for a variety of public service and public interest communications. As a volunteer with the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS), operating under RACES guidelines, I have used this frequency band during operations in support of natural disasters in the Los Angeles area. The reallocation proposed by LMCC is incompatible with these operations.

As a member of DCS for over four years, I have participated in many operations helping my community, such as the brush fires in Malibu and the mudslides that followed. This band of frequencies is a lifeline to those of us that communicate and help our community. Re-allocating this band would be of great detriment to the community; I urge you to consider this as you discuss this petition.

As a licensed radio amateur for 21 years, I am dismayed by the LMCC proposal. I hope to see an outcome that is positive to the interests of all radio amateurs throughout the U.S.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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