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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: RM9267**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Land mobile communications activities may need more spectrum, but the space should not come from the amateur radio 70 centimeter band.

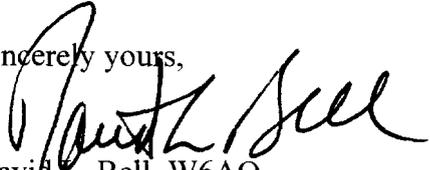
Seventy centimeters is the second-most popular and populated set of amateur frequencies.

A great deal of public service activity occurs on 70 centimeters anytime there is an emergency.

Amateur radio continues to be one of this country's great volunteer, public service efforts and is regularly the only means of communications in the first, critical hours of disasters. In addition to that, amateur radio remains a great initiation into the world of science for young people from all walks of life. Amateur radio is also one of the last frontiers of experimentation among individuals, not for profit, just for the need to know.

The 70 centimeter band is important to amateur radio and it's important to the American people that this band remain an amateur band. I urge that you reject the request of the Land Mobile Communications Council to reallocate the 70 centimeter band.

Sincerely yours,

  
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