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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing you in regards to RM-9267, the treat to the Amateur segments 420-430/440-450mhz. I can appreciate the PMRS's position needing more allocation. This situation in regards to the 70CM HAM band is in my opinion unrealistic. There are <in my area> NO open pairs for 440 repeaters, and the links that accompany the 70cm, 220, 2m, 6m, and 10meter repeaters are almost filling that segment used for them. Another concern for me is the 70 cm packet backbones in this area that are used for most of the mail forwarding into this state. The biggest impact to myself and my fellow hams is the tremendous amount of radio equipment and antenna systems that would be rendered useless. I know in my immediate area there are approximately 300 dual band and single band mobiles alone including the 440 band. I personally use on a daily basis 4 repeaters, have a packet link, 432mhz SSB, mobile communications to call my wife and kids via phone patches on local repeaters, crossband to 2 meter from my work out of my truck on a 440 simplex frequency, with a total of 1700 dollars worth of radio and antenna gear.

I hope that you can understand the impact that I and my local hams would see losing the allocation of this, or ANY other band. I personally have a VERY substantial compliment of radios ranging from 1.8 mhz thru 1.2 ghz. My total ham radio investment totals close to 6500 dollars. If I lost only one band I would be taking a tremendous loss.

Thank you very much for your time, and patients in reading my letter.

Sincerely yours
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