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Being a Ham enthusiast, I must admit that I was nothing less than outraged to learn on ARRL's Homepage that the LMCC wishes to relocate a portion of a very popular band that many amateurs use! I do not have my license yet, but am very close to finishing my studies and then going for it. Amateur radio is an integral part of my family. My father is an operator, as is my Uncle. I learned from them that Amateur Radio is a proud tradition to carry on. It's for that reason why I can't understand why people wish to take away portions of our bands! What are future Ham's going to see when they discover the wonders of Amateur Radio and are eager to take their exam? They're going to see what 'was' the Ham Bands, and what is 'now' the Ham Bands. Even if many don't have the necessary equipment to operate on them! Every minute there is a new Ham, and the proposal from the LMCC would result in more crowding on Ham Bands. I would venture to guess that they wouldn't see much point in getting a license if they see that the bands that past Hams cherished are constantly being threatened, and sometimes taken away from outside organizations. That's why I'm writing, to show my frustration, and in hopes that the bands that we feel so deeply about can be preserved. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael T Johnston

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