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Ladies & Gentlemen:

I have been an amateur radio operator for 40 years and I was dismayed when I read the proposal suggested by the LMCC regarding changing the assignment of the 420-430 and 440-450 Mhz frequencies from amateur radio service to their use.

As president of Lane County Sheriff's Amateur Radio Operators it makes me feel even more sad that these frequencies we use for public safety communications to assist the sheriff's office in such operations as:

- Search & Rescue Operations
- Search for downed aircraft
- Assisting in times of storms/disasters.
- Hazardous material incidents.
- Other communications as needed.

Will no longer be available. We currently use several of these frequencies and plan to activate packet and voice repeaters on additional frequencies soon.

I submit the loss of these UHF frequencies would severely reduce the communications we could provide to the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Lane County, Oregon.

Please consider the impact the approval of proposal RM-9267 would have on amateur radio in general and particularly to the public service that amateur radio provides to communities throughout the country.

Respectfully,



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