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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Regarding: RM-9267 "An Allocation of Spectrum for the Private Mobile Radio Services"

Dear Commission,

As an amateur radio operator, the loss of the 440-450 MHz band will render all of my amateur radio equipment worthless.

During my college years, I applied for and received a Technician license (now called "Tech Plus") primarily to keep in touch with family through a 440-450 MHz band repeater located in the middle of our 50-mile separation. To this day, all of the portable and mobile amateur-radio equipment in my possession is designed for the 440-450MHz band and cannot be altered for another part of the spectrum without costly modification or outright replacement.

To lose this frequency band not only means monetary loss; the remaining amateur-radio bandwidths are very likely to become more crowded, creating a loss of access to those bands for all concerned amateur-radio operators.

Plenty of bandwidth is available above 1 GHz. Please require the LMCC to make use of *those* spaces and leave the amateur-radio bandwidths as they are today.

Thank you for your attention.



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