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

Re: RM-9267

Gentlemen:

I have just read the LMCC petition to reallocate 420-430MHz and 440-450MHz to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS). I believe this is an UNSOUND proposal and provides undue burden on the Amateur Radio Service. The Amateur service was primary on this band until the 1950s when patriotic amateurs agreed to accept secondary status due to pressing national security needs of the U.S. Military. The LMCC would like to displace the amateur community with a "for profit" service at the expense of the public service, emergency and severe weather services provided "free of charge" to the public by generous radio amateurs. If the Military no longer needs these important bands then the Amateur Radio Service should be returned to a primary allocation. Acceptance of the LMCC petition will have the following negative consequences:

1. RACES and ARES groups will not be able to support municipal fire and police agencies during communication emergencies in urban areas adequately without the 70cm band.
2. SkyWarn groups will lose over half of their available frequencies and many valuable repeaters thus depriving the National Weather Service of key "on the ground" assets provided "Free of Charge" to the public by the Amateur Radio Service.
3. Over half of the popular UHF frequencies will be lost reducing the practice and experimentation which has made the Amateur Radio Service one of the premier backup radio services. No other civilian service can boast the readiness and ability to operate under extreme adverse conditions provided by Amateur Radio.

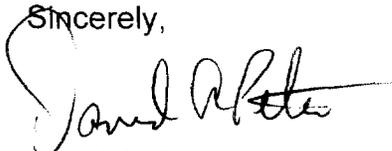
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4. Amateurs routinely utilize the 70cm band under controlled net conditions. Net operation is a skill which is only developed and maintained by practice. PMRS users do not practice under net conditions and would not be equipped to support disaster and relief efforts. PMRS users typically do not provide for "off grid operation" which is required during emergencies while Amateurs routinely have this capability. Allocating these frequencies to PMRS will, in essence, deprive the public of the benefit of controlled net operations.
5. Millions of dollars of amateur repeater and radio equipment will be rendered useless imposing a severe financial burden upon people who cheerfully volunteer this same equipment for use to support many public service and health & welfare events.
6. Mobile amateurs routinely use 70cm frequencies to save lives and property as they go about their daily business. Loss of these frequencies will severely limit this ability in urban areas.

Please reject this proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David A. Peters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David A. Peters, WD5CJS



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Subject: LMCC Petition (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas

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We are a two-way radio dealer providing equipment sales and communications support to over 1600 private customers in my area. We have been in business for 35 years currently employ 17 people.

Our customers consider their private radio communication system an invaluable business tool that increases the productivity of their organization and provides additional safety protection to their employees. Through the years, we have found it increasingly difficult to provide our customers adequate communication systems due to the shortage of uncongested frequencies in our area. These customers are unable to enjoy the safety and productivity that is possible through the use of a private two-way radio system. In many cases, these private users rely on instant, fleet wide communications within unique coverage areas that are not conducive to many commercial systems

Clearly, providing these customers with new spectrum and the ability to choose a private wireless communications solution that will best fit their unique needs will benefit not only these private users, but the economy as a whole.

I urge the Commission to consider the unique needs of the private wireless industry and to allow them the flexibility of choosing their communications solution. Thank you for your consideration on this very critical issue.

Sincerely,

Clint Skalsky
Technician

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