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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a member of the Topanga [California] Disaster Response Team. The Team works in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, The California Highway Patrol, The American Red Cross and several other local, state and Federal organizations to gather intelligence and render aid in the event of disasters in this region of southern California that is so highly prone to fire, flood and mudslide.

It is crucial to our operations that we be able to employ the amateur repeater system (The P.A.P.A. system) of which we are members.

Any modifications of rules that would limit the availability of these frequencies to us would jeopardize or curtail our ability to perform our vital function and would thus expose our community to very significantly higher levels of risk of personal injury and property loss.

It would certainly seem that the traditional protections afforded the free access to airwaves should not be compromised. And this would seem most especially true if these rule changes are being made in consideration of commercial interests.

Please consider the safety of those whose lifeline of communication is the amateur radio band when considering any modifications to RM 9267.

Respectfully,

William Stern



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