In the Matter of	§	
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Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15 and 18 of the Commission’s Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment	§	ET Docket No. 15-170
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Request for the Allowance of Optional Electronic Labeling for Wireless Devices	§	RM-11673

While I completely understand The Commission's concern over controlling the Part15 use of these devices, Part97 Amateur Radio operators have been repurposing these devices for use in Emergency Communications.

In at least the last 5 years, Amateur Radio operators have found new and inventive ways to use these inexpensive devices to build broadband networks in support of community events, and to prepare for deployment of these devices for emergency incidents.

The possibility of quickly deploying a high speed network for an emergency event greatly expands what we can do to better serve our served agencies and what support we can give. Using these Broadband Ham Radio networks opens up a wide range of applications that we have never been able to do for served agencies previously, like fast data transfer, VoIP telephony, live streaming video, repeater interconnection, etc. Having these networks that are not dependent on the internet or commercial carriers offers us and our served agencies separate reliable alternative networks.

Third party software (OpenWRT, DD-WRT, etc) is the basis for many of these Amateur Radio projects, that we then expand and customise for our own projects to easily allow us to build these projects without reinventing the wheel.

If The Commission goes forth with this tighter regulation of third party software, it would seriously hamper our efforts to build these networks that help serve our communities.

If The Commission is convinced that tighter regulation is actually necessary, I request a modification to said rules to require locking down only the RF controls, and/or add exemptions for Part97 use.

With all due respect,
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