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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to RM-9267, the petition by the Land Mobile Communications Council, for a reallocation of the radio spectrum that would result in the effective loss of the 70 cm amateur radio band.

Amateur Radio is a secondary user of 420 to 450 MHz. There are thousands of F-M repeaters operating from 440 to 450 MHz and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment. While the Land Mobile Communications Council petition indicates that it is willing to permit Amateur Radio to retain some sort of secondary status, this would be only on a non-interfering basis with the new commercial interests.

Within my home state of Washington, there are 203 active repeaters within this band serving the Amateur Radio community, and the community in general in time of emergency. The displacement of these repeaters would seriously affect the Amateur Radio Service and reduce its ability to serve in the public interest. The LMCC petition is excessive in its demand for spectrum given the proliferation of modern technologies available to permit the effective use of bandwidth. I urge the Commission to deny this petition.

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