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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau,
FCC - The Portals, 445 - 12th Street S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20554

Good Day,

It has come to my attention that you are considering a petition, RM-9807, for a rule change in regards to the 155-mile limit for CB radio communications. I have been a CB radio enthusiast for as long as I can remember. I have never seen a CBer try to cause any interference with any other device, nor have I heard any complaints of them doing so. I think that the removal of this unrealistic rule would be an excellent move.

I talk to many, many CB operators on a daily basis. My role as the newsletter editor, and PR person for USCBOA puts me in the hot seat with them at every turn. These are good, decent people who want to obey all the rules, and just enjoy themselves. They really do try their best to follow rules and regulations set forth by the FCC.

I know that some, the ARRL in particular, may see this as a threat to the Amateur Radio Service. I think that their fears are unfounded. Indeed, such a rule change could actually benefit the Amateur service by allowing more people to experience the thrill of long distance radio communications and encourage them to pursue their Amateur license.

I also see, from the comments already filed, that others are concerned about increased interference to broadcast radio a