

1 February 2002

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of RM-10352

Gentlemen:

This is an extension of my comments posted earlier today, 1 February 2002.

I have just spent two hours reading the 323 comments posted to date for and against the proposal to provide mode segmentation on 160 Meters. I did not review these comments prior to drafting my earlier comments.

I was stricken by the overwhelming support for the Petition shown by those Amateur licensees considering the issue important enough to take the time to provide their input to the Commission.

Several of those opposed to the subject Petition cited the historic self-regulating nature of the Amateur Service, and argued that this justifies reliance upon a voluntary band plan for the 160 meter band. I submit that the opposite is true.

The essence of self-regulation is the Commission respecting the best judgment of the Amateur community. That portion of the Amateur community who are active users of the 160 meter band are nearly unanimously asking the Commission for additional formal regulation because the implementation of such would benefit the Amateur Service as a whole.

While realizing the comment process is not treated by the Commission as a "vote" on the matter, I recommend that the Commission respect the Amateur community's overwhelming desire for regulation in this area, as reflected in the submitted comments on the subject Petition.

I urge the Commission to adopt RM-10352 as a change favored by the majority of the interested users of the 160 Meter Amateur band.

Best Regards,

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