

Dear Sirs:

As President of the Albany Amateur Radio Association, established in 1912, I am utterly disgusted with proposed use of public spectrum with complete disregard to those services now using them.

This system is now being tested in certain areas at low power, and, it has already proven to produce levels of interference that render those frequency useless to the Amateur Service. I can only imagine what higher power level will do us and others using these frequencies. Why does this BPL start just above the commercial AM band and end just short of the FM band?

I spent over 46 years in Amateur Radio, starting out in Civil Defence communications in 1958, and, surely I thought I would wind up in Homeland Security or some other type of service, but it appears I may not be given this opportunity.

Amateur radio was created in the public interest, convenience or necessity and I feel we have lived up to that standard. We ARE the bottom line for communications in this and many, many other countries when there are natural disasters, 9/11 events and our recent "Blackout". We provide "Bulletproof" communications systems that are available to local authorities upon request, because their commercial systems fail, and we maintain these systems through out the US without costing the taxpayer a penny.

I spent years fighting USSR's Russian "Jammers", especially their "Woodpecker", but now this new threat from "with in our borders" is proving at low power levels in certain test areas to be a wall of noise that cannot be breached by modern receiving equipment. One cannot coexist with a system that renders the system "useless" to others.

I urge you to reject a commercial endeavor of this type whose merits will never outweigh the damage it will unleash upon the public.