

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the petition filed to eliminate personal cell phone amplifiers.

I understand the concern of the cell phone carriers, yet also agree with the opposing petitions stating that if properly designed (with oscillation protection, overload protection, and automatic gain control) cell phone amplifiers do not cause any problems.

Me and my family run a cattle ranch in the desert area in Arizona near the north rim of the grand canyon. We travel nearly an hour on dirt roads to get to our destination and are over an hour away from the nearest town. We rely on cell phone amplifiers!

We spend several weeks out of the year at our ranch, and normally do not have ANY cell phone signal (although we pay several hundred dollars a month for it). When we installed our cell phone booster in our vehicles, we could now make calls where before we couldn't even get a signal.

Again, we rely on our cell phone amplifiers for safety. For example, my brother got in an accident while at our ranch and needed immediate medical attention. By the grace of God we had a cell phone amplifier and were able to call and have an ambulance meet us as soon as possible. My brother survived, yet if we had waited even minutes later to get him in the hands of medical personnel, the story may have ended differently.

We also use them in our homes (which have, at best, spotty cell signal outside and no signal inside). Again, we use them for emergency purposes, but also for business and personal uses.

With were we live in northern Arizona, without a cell phone amplifier it would be pointless for us to have a cell phone. We love our amplifiers and my personal opinion is that it should not only be legal, but it should be the law for cell phone carriers to allow amplifiers to be sold.

Not only do we use them in our personal life and our family business, buy my father uses the technology as an employee for the State of Arizona, as well as my cousin who works for the State of Utah, to carry out their Government duties. I am also aware of several police stations, forest service districts, and EMS units who use cell phone amplifiers to perform their responsibilities.

I am not asking to allow ALL cell phone amplifiers to be legal to use; yet only to take into consideration the petition filed by Wilson Electronics, Inc. in being more specific on the rules of making amplifiers (requiring them to have the protective features necessary as to not interfere with cell phone towers).

In conclusion, I do understand that certain cell phone amplifiers can cause problems (and have caused problems in the past). However, if designed properly, they do not interfere with the transmission of cell phone signals. They are much more than a commodity, they are a safety net for families, a business tool for business men; and for me, they are the reason I have not canceled my cell phone service.

I greatly appreciate the time you have taken to review my comment and trust you will take every angle of concern into consideration.

Thank you,

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