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I am writing to the Commission as a holder of an Amateur Extra Class license who supports the proposal to make the 1800-2000 kHz band allocation primary for the Amateur Radio Service. Allocating the 1900-2000 kHz segment to the amateur service on a primary basis will encourage a much higher degree of usage of the bandwidth by Radio Amateurs. This will not only increase the experimentation and development of equipment and the associated theory, but will increase the number of available stations already set up and operating when the need for emergency communications arises.

Our normal communications infrastructure has recently been less than adequate when faced with extraordinary circumstances, such as Superstorm Sandy. Having a functioning amateur radio community has been of great assistance to both governmental authorities and the general public during these severe times. Making this spectrum primary for the Amateur Radio Service recognizes its inherent value to public service and emergency communication.

Therefore, I strongly support this proposal by the Commission.

Sincerely,

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