

I would like to urge the Commission to DENY Petition RM-11699. While the petitioner has made a valid argument I agree with the position of the ARRL. Amateur radio has worked side by side with various emergency service agencies for many years. While we have provided pertinent information necessary to the public safety there has never been an expectation of privacy. The history of amateur radio has been public in nature. To allow encryption of amateur frequencies, in my opinion, alienates the public nature of our service. Furthermore, while there may be certain extreme circumstances that require sensitive information to be transmitted publicly, prudence would dictate that information that would be considered embarrassing or personal in nature should be transmitted over other services that offer encrypted modes.