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Subject: RM-9267

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition, as a licensed amateur radio operator, to the RM-9267 proposal otherwise known, to ham radio operators, as the take over of 420-450 megahertz band.

I and members of my family depend heavily upon this frequency and others for communication and we have been particularly thankful to have it at times when other traditional methods have been unavailable. The following are examples of personal experience in this issue: (1) While located in remote mountainous areas; (2) During an earthquake when all phone services were disrupted; (3) When a hiker suffered a serious fall and my radio equipment was the only communication available to initiate rescue in his behalf.

I believe this band must remain available to the ham radio service. This frequency is widely and efficiently utilized, and in many varied ways by ham radio operators. It is used for repeaters, repeater linking, and amateur television, and in other ways that I am currently unfamiliar with as well.

It disturbs me that those having interests in the field of communication technology now wish to acquire ownership of and exploit this and other parts of the radio spectrum. This, as well as all other frequencies are supposed to be in the public trust and realm.

I believe that if this effort is allowed to succeed it will be a bad mistake. Ham radio operators throughout the decades have unselfishly devoted time and effort to public service in the use of equipment and access to radio frequencies. In addition to their public service activities, ham radio experimentation has lead to innumerable technology breakthroughs over the years - each of which has found it's way, in time, to the commercial sector. The hobby of ham radio has been a well traveled doorway for many into technology and science careers. Ham radio operators need continued access to this and all frequencies to fulfill their charter of providing public service and contributing to technology.

Large amounts of money are being offered by commercial interests wishing to take control of this and other frequencies - these amounts far exceed the financial resources of ham radio operators in the United States - but these staggering sums of money will fall far short of promoting communications for the public interest. Further, as a taxpayer and partial owner of these frequencies by virtue of my citizenship, I expect to see absolutely no benefit from the revenue generated by the sale of these frequencies - but instead more waste and inefficiency in government spending.

I ask you to rule against the sale of these radio frequencies!!!!!!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration of my input on this issue.

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