

The proposal to allow broadband over powerlines will harm amateur radio. Bands below 80MhZ are vital to our country's defense. These are our world bands. In the event of an emergency, these bands are ways to contact families accross the world. The amateur radio community was named by president Bush when he spoke to FEMA about Community Emergency Response Teams. After hurricane Andrew, to take a personal example, hams in South Florida called families throughout the world on these bands and gave news that people were ok. These bands were used at sea by a boater that was injured and a doctor listening saved his life. This new technology would destroy these vital lines of communication. They would also cause problem with all other uses of those frequencies. This has been demonstrated in Europe, where this technology has failed. THis is not a new way to get internet, it is an intentional radiator that needs to be stopped. It isn't a new service, it is a pirate that will destroy our nation's lines of communications in the times that we need them most. I urge you to veto this technology immediately.