

As an amateur radio operator, I am the net control station for two different HF nets, one of them being a National Traffic System net and the other being a net for ham radio operators, most of whom are disabled. The former net is important for the passing of messages in the time of disaster and emergency. The latter net is important in that it allows those individuals who are restricted in their ability to socialize an opportunity to do so. For many of these operators this is the only social contact that they are able to maintain due to their disability.

I am concerned that both of these nets operations would be adversely affected should BPL be approved. In the presence of the interference that would be generated on the HF frequencies by the BPL service these nets would be unable to function. For the traffic net this would mean that essential messages would have difficulty in getting through. For the handicapped net this would mean the strong likelihood that those disabled hams would be denied their socialization outlet. Please take into consideration these adverse impacts on amateur radio communications in considering whether or not to approve the BPL service. Thank you.