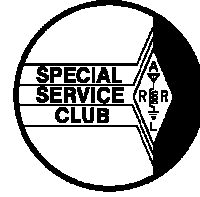




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Washington, DC 20515

RE: Petition to Co-Sponsor HR 4969 - The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituents and licensed Amateur Radio operators in the \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District, we are writing asking that you support HR 4969 – *The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014* – and request that you become a co-sponsor for this legislation.

For over 30 years the Federal Communications Commission and Congress have repeatedly acknowledged the “strong Federal interest” in effective Amateur Radio communications. In an era of increased concern over public safety, disaster preparedness, and national security, amateur radio operators have provided vital support to communications when other means have failed.

Increasingly, many amateur radio operators are unable to fulfill this public service mission of the Amateur Radio Service due to property use restrictions that forbid the erection of appropriate antennas. The FCC found that municipalities often unreasonably restricted Amateur Radio antennas in residential areas. In its declaratory ruling now codified at 47 C.F.R. §97.15(b) – the FCC determined that:

*“Except as otherwise provided herein, a station antenna structure may be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur service communications. (State and local regulation of a station antenna structure must not preclude amateur service communications. Rather, it must reasonably accommodate such communications and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the state or local authority's legitimate purpose.”*

HR 4969 will extend limited reasonable accommodation provisions to include all types of land use regulations, including preclusive homeowner’s association regulations and restrictive covenants. The FCC has jurisdiction to provide these protections when there is a conflict with Federal policy. This was established when, at Congress’ instructions, it enacted regulations that preempted municipal and private land use

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regulation over satellite dish antennas and television broadcast receive antennas in residences.

HR 4969 will provide a basis for radio Amateurs to negotiate reasonable accommodation for at least minimal outdoor Amateur Radio antennas with their homeowners' association. This legislation is critically important to us and to the hundreds of other federally licensed Amateur Radio operators residing in your district. Please sign-on as a co-sponsor of HR 4969.

Sincerely,



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