Dear Senator <NAME>

<ADDRESS>,

As a constituent and one of more than <NUMBER> FCC - licensed Amateur Radio Operators in the State of <STATE>, I am writing to ask that you now support H.R 1301 as amended when it comes to the Senate for action.

This Bill, passed by the House of Representatives on September 12, 2016, provides a satisfactory balanced compromise which was reached between the American Radio Relay League (ARRL, the national association of Amateur Radio) and Community Associations Institute (CAI, which represents home owners associations) allowing outdoor Amateur Radio antennas for public service and emergency communications while protecting the prerogative of community associations.  Now there is universal support for the Bill as amended. In fact, CAI has stated that “(O)n behalf of the 68 million Americans who live in community associations and members of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), we express support for H.R. 1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, as … amended.”

The Bill has also received the endorsement of the American Red Cross, which stated that this “legislation will greatly enhance the volunteer communications efforts by radio Amateurs that have benefited public safety organizations for many years.” The National Hurricane Center added their voice in support and wrote that “(A)mateur radio operators are sometimes the only sources of eyewitness information from inside the storm.” And The Salvation Army wrote “(W)e rely on Amateur Radio, and this legislation is urgently important to the continued provision of their volunteer services in emergency communications. We urge the passage of H.R. 1301…”

<STATE> has always relied on and benefited from Amateur Radio’s critical communications support in time of need. We have been prepared for, and involved in the response to virtually every disaster in <STATE> volunteering to provide communications, at no cost to anyone. The Bill will allow Amateurs to continue to provide the same critical communications service to our communities as we have for over the past 100-plus years.

The Bill ensures that community associations permit effective outdoor antennas, and protects community associations’ authority to adopt and enforce reasonable written rules concerning the installation, placement, and aesthetic impact of external amateur service station antennas. It also requires notification to the association and their prior approval of antenna installations; and prohibits installation of antennas on common property. The rights and responsibilities of community associations and association residents are completely protected.

I ask that you support the passage of this consensus Bill when it comes to the Senate floor for a vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,