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**House of Representatives**

September 11, 2006

Ranking Member Rep. Waxman  
House Government Reform Committee  
B-350A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
ATTN: Phil Barnett

Dear Ranking Member Waxman,

I have been contacted by Amateur Radio licensees in my district representing hundreds of thousands of emergency communication amateur radio HAMs across the country to request that you consider with Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) a committee hearing to be held as to whether the Federal Communications Commission complied with the Administrative Procedures Act on the rules they promulgated relating to interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) which is the national association for amateur radio has informed me, through their president, Joel Harrison, a fellow Arkansan, that the House Government Reform committee has in the past undertaken a similar hearing many years ago on FCC compliance with the APA, which as you know, prohibits the FCC from conducting a rulemaking process in an arbitrary and capricious fashion. The ARRL has made this presentation to Chairman Davis' staff and I believe this hearing would prove invaluable in exploring an FCC rule which might have failed to consider the important interference issue and making its decision counter to the evidence that was before the agency.

I, as an amateur radio operator, would like to underscore my concern on the interference issue as it relates to public safety officials, both fire and law enforcement and amateur radio responders to emergencies. If you could support this hearing, the ARRL would be pleased to recommend witnesses, both government and private, that would explore this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Ross".

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