

To: Federal Communications Commission

RE: Proposed Rulemaking Document 20-270

Dear Sirs:

I am contacting the Federal Communications Commission in regard to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Document 20-270.

I am a proud member of the amateur radio service, holding the call sign of N8SY and I am strongly against the proposal to assess a \$50 fee for each change/upgrade/renewal connected to an amateur radio license.

In the State of Ohio, where there are over 28,000 licensed amateur radio operators. It is documented thus far in 2020 the time donated to public service is worth in excess of \$1.5 million. Amateur radio is an important communication link when current communications are either overloaded or non-existent. Amateur radio has been well documented in assisting with communications in the Western Forest Fires, hurricanes, tornados and severe storms throughout the country as well as being the backup communications on our space program with amateur radio onboard the International Space Station.

Amateur radio is one of the most important tools for today's youth to learn cutting edge technology. Amateur radio augments their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education in this country. It is an incredible source of significant technical innovation for people of all ages.

Amateur radio is generally self-regulating, administering license exams and uploading them into the Federal Communications Commission database with minimal work from them. We never charge a fee for any of our volunteerism that do for our served agencies and communities.

I recommend young people (younger than 18) and seniors 65 and older be exempt from this fee.

We in the Amateur radio community appreciate the work and effort the Federal Communications Commission does to assist and protect the radio spectrum in this country.

Best Regards,

Your Name

Your Address