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Greetings Amateur Radio Repeater Owner,

My name is Frank D'Amato – KB2MXV, and I recently started administering Repeater Coordination in Northeastern, PA. I understand there are already two coordinators in Pennsylvania, but there is always room for improvement.

Make Repeater Coordination Great Again (MRCGA) is **NOT** here to re-coordinate or undo what has already been previously coordinated, MRCGA will be coordinating repeaters in areas where the other coordinators will not.

Additionally, in an ARRL Executive Committee Meeting, it was stated by Chris Imlay, General Counsel for the ARRL that "FCC rules and policies do not rule out the possibility of there being more than one frequency coordinator for a given geographic area."

If you have an un-coordinated repeater on the air for more than a year, and you have not received any notification of interference from an existing coordinated repeater, this is where MRCGA can possibly help you get coordinated. There is NO fee or membership required to have MRCGA coordinate your repeater.

Please understand, your request for coordination will not be rubber stamped and approved immediately. MRCGA will perform an in-house coordination review, and both the applicant and MRCGA will perform testing to predict whether or not your operation is likely to cause interference to, or receive interference from, another existing coordinated repeater.

After all, this is Amateur Radio, and no one person or group own's any frequency. No one can control propagation conditions, you seeing a signal on your meter or hearing a faint callsign in the distance is not "Harmful Interference".

MRCGA requires the following;

1. The use of PL tones on both RX & TX
2. Your repeater must be published on the MRCGA website (No unlisted repeaters)
3. You complete a renewal form every two years after coordination is granted.

If you believe MRCGA can help you, please visit our website at www.mrcga.org , download the application for coordination, and send the completed application to application@mrcga.org .

Thank you

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