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Subject to FRE 408

March 18, 2025

<u>Via Email (mturnerlogin@gmail.com and w4ops@arrl.net)</u>
Mr. Mikel K. Turner
715 Majesty Drive
Murfreesoro, TN 37129

Re: Unauthorized Use of Federal Trademark THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO®

Dear Mr. Turner:

This law firm represents American Radio Relay League, Inc. ("ARRL®") in connection with its intellectual property rights.

ARRL® is the largest membership association of amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States. It is the leading national organization for amateur radio enthusiasts.

For over a century, ARRL® has promoted itself and the interests of its many members. Two ways it has done this is through the consistent use of the acronym ARRL and the phrase THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO®. As a result of this widespread and continuous use, ARRL® has established significant trademark rights in these trademarks. Indeed, the federal government has confirmed these trademark rights by awarding ARRL® federal trademark registration for ARRL® and THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO®, copies of which are attached.

It has come to our attention that you have recently formed an association named the National Amateur Radio Alliance (NARA). It has also come to our attention that NARA is promoting itself on social media using the phrase "A National Association for Amateur Radio Operators," as evidenced by the following samplings from X and Facebook:





Our client is concerned about NARA's use of this phrase. More specifically, ARRL® is concerned that NARA's use of the phrase "A National Association for Amateur Radio Operators" is likely to result in confusion in the marketplace and dilute the distinctive nature of ARRL's federally protected THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO® trademark.

ARRL® would like to resolve this matter amicably and requests that NARA:

- (1) cease and desist from use of the phrase "A National Association for Amateur Radio Operators"; and
- (2) promise not to use that phrase or any other that is likely to cause confusion with or dilution of ARRL's THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO® mark.

Also, to promote clarity in the marketplace, ARRL® asks that NARA use the \circledR trademark symbol when referring to ARRL®.

We request these written assurances by **April 2, 2025**.

Our client hopes to achieve an amicable resolution to this matter, and this letter is an effort to that end. Nonetheless, ARRL® considers this to be a serious matter requiring prompt resolution. For this reason, neither this letter nor your response to it should be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights or remedies available to our client, all of which are hereby reserved.

On behalf of ARRL®, we thank you for your cooperation and look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Vondondis

Michael E. Kondoudis

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United States of America United States Patent and Trademark Office

ARRL

Reg. No. 7,429,788

Registered Jun. 25, 2024

Int. Cl.: 9, 16, 35, 38, 41

U.S. Cl.: 200

Collective Membership Mark practices

Service Mark

Trademark

Principal Register

The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (CONNECTICUT CORPORATION)

225 Main Street

Newington, CONNECTICUT 06111

CLASS 9: Downloadable electronic publications in the nature of articles, brochures, booklets, books, periodicals, training manuals, and teaching materials in the fields of radio communications, amateur radio communications, and amateur radio operation practices

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-2012

CLASS 16: Printed publications, namely, articles, brochures, booklets, books, periodicals, training manuals, and teaching materials in the fields of amateur radio communications and amateur radio communications practices

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-1936

CLASS 35: Association services, namely, promoting the interests of amateur radio operators and enthusiasts, the interests of amateur radio operators who provide emergency communications, public awareness of amateur radio operators who provide emergency communications during times of emergency or disaster and public interest and awareness in radio; association services, namely, organizing divisions and sections of a national association of amateur radio operators and promoting the interests of the members thereof; promoting public awareness of amateur radio; Promoting public awareness of the role of volunteer amateur radio operators during times of emergency or disaster

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-1936

CLASS 38: Providing a website featuring information about amateur radio communications, radio communication technology as it relates to radio communications, and amateur radio communications of interest to radio and electronics enthusiasts; providing a website featuring information about the operation of radio telecommunications equipment for radio communications

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-1997

CLASS 41: Providing a website featuring non-downloadable publications in the nature of articles, brochures, booklets, books, periodicals, training manuals, and teaching

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materials about radio communications and amateur radio communications practices; providing a website featuring non-downloadable publications in the nature of articles, brochures, booklets, books, periodicals, training manuals, and teaching materials about radio equipment for radio communications

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-2012

CLASS 200: Indicating membership in an association of amateur radio operators and enthusiasts; indicating membership in an association that promotes the interests of amateur radio operators; indicating membership in an association that organizes and trains volunteers to serve their communities by providing public service and emergency communications; indicating membership in an association that advances the art and science of radio

FIRST USE 00-00-1917; IN COMMERCE 00-00-1936

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT STYLE, SIZE OR COLOR

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Reg. No. 7,178,897

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U.S. Cl.: 200

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No claim is made to the exclusive right to use the following apart from the mark as shown: "ASSOCIATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO"

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