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**Subject:** Call to Action: Protect Your Clients' Rules and Standards, Ask Them to Contact U.S. Representatives to Oppose H.R. 4969

## **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

Dear CAI Member,

Last month, U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced [H.R. 4969](#), legislation that may **invalidate community association rules and architectural standards** that govern the installation and use of amateur radio towers and antennas.

If H.R. 4969 becomes law, homeowners who want to install a radio tower or antenna for amateur radio use would not have to go through the architectural review process or follow existing community guidelines.

We need your help to stop this legislation. **Please forward this information to your community association clients and encourage them to contact their member of the U.S. House of Representatives.** Below is a template for an email to you to send to your clients.

Thank you for engaging in this important effort to preserve America's community associations' ability that allow elected neighbors to create rules for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Very truly yours,

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## **TEMPLATE EMAIL TO SEND TO YOUR CLIENTS**

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Community Associations Institute (CAI) has initiated a campaign to preserve the rights of America's community associations and they need your help. Please read the message below from CAI. Please contact your member of the U.S. House of Representatives today to ask them:

1. Not to co-sponsor H.R. 4969
2. Oppose H.R. 4969 if it comes up for a vote

H.R. 4969 is a highly controversial federal government intervention into the basic private contracts that establish and govern community associations without any demonstration of a clear and compelling national interest.

H.R. 4969 requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to amend its Code of Federal Regulations to invalidate sections of community association covenants that apply to installation of radio towers and/or antennas for amateur radio use.

With limited exception, all community associations will be prevented from governing installation of HAM radio towers and antennas if H.R. 4969 becomes federal law.

CAI recognizes the importance of amateur radio users' assistance during a disaster or emergency. Importantly, CAI notes that amateur radio users' success in assisting with communications during a disaster or emergency has not been inhibited by covenants created by neighbors in the community associations in which they have chosen to make their home. A 2012 study by the FCC reached this conclusion, too.

The FCC has rejected five official requests by amateur radio operators to relieve them of their contractual obligation to follow community procedures concerning the installation of radio towers and antennas. **The FCC has determined there is no compelling national interest to warrant invalidating contractual agreements between private citizens.**

On behalf of the 65 million Americans who choose to live in their community associations, CAI must oppose H.R. 4969 to preserve the model of community allowing neighbors elected by neighbors to create and enforce covenants for the betterment of the community as a whole.

[Please act today!](#) Contact your member of the U.S. House of Representatives and use the [template](#) we've provided or draft your own message to urge your member of Congress to oppose H.R. 4969. [Click here to use the template.](#)

With your support, CAI members will continue creating communities in America that are preferred places to call home.

Sincerely,

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For further information and history on this issue, please click [here](#).

CAI Government Affairs represents the interests of the 65 million people living and working in America's community associations on legislative and regulatory issues at the local, state, and federal level of government.

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