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RE: **RM-11828**

While I am currently in the process of getting my Technician class license, it would be of great benefit to myself, others like me, and to amateur radio as a whole to allow Technician class experience a limited taste of what exists in the HF bands, especially bands that will allow better participation. This will create opportunities for positive interactions, build operator confidence, and enable operators to gain much needed experience (albeit in limited bandwidth and power restrictions) ahead of pursuing greater privileges as a result of testing for General and Extra licenses. One of the main things that stuck out to me while I studied for my Technician license, was the severe limitations in the HF bands for phone and some digital. I am also interested in participating in emergency communication aspects of the Amateur Radio Service. By providing me (and I am sure others like me) the opportunity to gain positive exposure in these bands and modes, I know that I would likely remain active and continue to work to progress.

The below comments by Mr Boehner are exactly the reason why I am in favor of and support RM-11828 as proposed.

*James Boehner 525 Barnwell Avenue, NW Aiken, South Carolina 29801*

*Friday, March 15, 2019*

*In the matter of RM-11828:*

*"Amateur Radio has a desperate need for an entry-level license that reflects the interests of our population in this day and age. "*

*"A more reasonable and cost effective solution is to groom our current Technician class as a true entry level license, one that encourages exploration of all that amateur radio has to offer, including the High Frequency (HF) spectrum."*

*"It is no surprise that the telegraphy segments are unused, and the voice privileges that are on a band that rarely experiences good propagation is of minimal interest."*

*"There is no incentive to upgrade, as they have not even had a "taste" of why they should upgrade in the first place."*

*"There are a large number of individuals, most likely the majority, who desire an amateur radio license to participate in emergency communications."*

*"At the heart of this proposal are phone allocations that encompass most of the HF emergency and traffic nets, and HF digital privileges to stimulate the much needed interest of the above groups."*

*"This proposal would instantly transform the Technician class to a true entry-level license. It would allow for growth of the Amateur Radio Service rather than allow it to suffer stagnation."*