

RM-11831 could have a negative impact on EMO capabilities inside and outside of the US.

Many amateur radio EMO groups use Winlink (with Pactor 2+) which can provide Internet communications via email during times of disaster. As you are aware RF propagation knows no borders and cooperation and mutual aid between nations, particularly Canada and US, in times of disaster also knows no borders.

In a scenario where, for example, a disaster in Nova Scotia has taken out Internet communications an EMO can use Winlink (Pactor 2+). The most reliable RF path to facilitate that might be to a node in Massachusetts or New York. Similarly a disaster in Michigan where Winlink (Pactor 2+) is used might best be served by a node in Ontario.

Considering the above, RM-11831 is a public safety issue and should be rejected.

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