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I am submitting my comment concerning RM-11831. I would like to request that the FCC dismiss RM-11831. As an Amateur Radio operator working with a served agency, I have been called on to provide reliable emergency communications on several occasions. Our primary tool is Winlink. Winlink offers a fast and error free mode to relay emergency messages across the country or the world is a timely manner. To loose this and other digital modes would be a major set back for Emergency communications and Amateur Radio. The provisions of RM-11831 will remove this capability to provide communications support to our served agencies. Surely in the future, as technology advances there will be new and better digital modes developed that will also aid emergency communication. Are we to sit and watch as these tools are also disallowed? Amateur Radio has been on the cutting edge of communications development since it’s beginning and this cannot be taken away from us.

Thank you for your time,

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