**RM-11831 Response Arguments**

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As it is known, amateur radio operators have assisted in communications during and after disasters when the regular government channels are down and/or too busy.

If the band proposition is actualized, emergency communications during a major disaster will likely be severely compromised due to the limited spectrum and projected increased interference.

Effectively eliminating Pactor and other similar modes would significantly reduce or eliminate amateur radio operators in assisting government with efficient, concise and quick communications to handle disaster operations during and afterwards.

In addition, the equipment bought by amateur radio operators for Winlink use would no longer be useful and thus result in financial, training and time investment losses.