I am licensed radio amateur K8JQ. I have been an amateur radio operator for more than fifty years. I write today urging that NPRM 160239 be immediately dismissed.

Many radio amateurs -- likely in the thousands -- have requested that the FCC dismiss NPRM 16-239 but to no avail. I ask that the FCC hear these voices today and summarily dismiss the NPRM in question.

NPRM 16-239 authorizes use of a complete amateur band by a single user. No protection is provided for narrowband users in the HF bands. This is untenable.

NPRM 16-239 authorizes encrypted communications which cannot be accessed by other users or, indeed, by FCC monitoring facilities. This is untenable.

Please dismiss NPRM 16-239 immediately.