

I am in full support of the Amateur Radio Safety Foundation, Inc's (ARSFI) letter in regards to Docket 16-239 (Amateur Radio Symbol Rate NPRM). The opposing viewpoint that the restructuring of HF symbol rate restrictions will somehow enable hostile or criminal actors strains the bounds of credulity. Not only am I an Amateur Radio operator first licensed in the 1980s, in my professional capacity as a Department of the Army Civilian my daily work revolves around Electronic Warfare, Cyber-Electromagnetic Activities, and Spectrum Management Operations. It is my opinion that the current symbol rate restrictions impede technological development and efficient use of the Amateur Radio spectrum allocations and therefore hinder the traditional experimentation and public service roles of Amateur Radio. Further, an argument can be made contrary to the dissenting viewpoint that national security is more at risk by not lifting the symbol rate restrictions due to the fact that technological experimentation, innovation, and development in the Amateur Radio arena is utilized for education and study by the defense establishment, particularly where digital modes are concerned.