

To: Ajit Pai, FCC Chairman

Re: Docket No. 16-239, Amateur Radio Symbol Rate NPRM

Date: 7 December 2018

Dear Chairman,

I support this proposal to eliminate the current 300 baud limit on HF digital transmissions and replace it with a 2.8 kHz bandwidth limitation. Amateur radio has been a longstanding activity useful for local emergency responses, hobby/recreation, and social purposes. We must encourage these opportunities, not hold them back.

There are naysayers who claim the proposed change would assist terrorism, but those are false claims. Would-be terrorists do not care about rule changes, and they have access to various equipment that is not affected by this proposed rule change.

Please support amateur radio and go ahead with the proposed change to increase the symbol rate to 2.8 kHz.

Sincerely,

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