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Re: Proposed Rulemaking Docket No. 16-239, RM-11708

I strongly support the removal of the 300 baud rate limit on MF and HF communications. I believe that eliminating the baud rate limits would improve amateur communications for both amateur use and to facilitate emergency communications. Although I do have slight concerns about how this might increase congestion, I feel that the prospective gains far outweigh the risks.

I support the FCC's position that a bandwidth limit is not required at this time. I don't feel that this is needed unless a mode is developed that is overly disruptive to other amateur communications, at which time the FCC can revisit the issue. Instituting a bandwidth limit at this point might hold back innovations that could lead to even more effective modes of communication across the amateur bands, and any limit chosen at this point would be arbitrary and rooted in the past. Regulation should be limited to only what is necessary to ensure effective utilization of the bands by all licensed amateurs in keeping with the purpose of the Amateur Radio Service.

As a District Emergency Coordinator for Kent County in the Rhode Island Amateur Radio Emergency Service I see the opportunity for the FCC to provide immediate relief by removing the restriction of PACTOR 4 communications which gives us better options to support our served agencies in the event of an emergency. I also see the opportunity for new modes to be developed that are even more efficient or effective tools for communication between amateur stations.

I strongly support the position of the Amateur Radio Safety Foundation and the Amateur Radio Relay League with the exception of their recommendation to impose a bandwidth limitation which I do not feel is necessary at this time.

Respectfully,

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