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Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

In reference to the proposed 16-239, I would like to make my recommendation to follow the ARFSI recommendation of eliminating the symbol rate on the Amateur Radio bands. This would allow new communication methods to be developed and enhance emergency communication capabilities. Furthermore, I would like to recommend the FCC remove the restriction of codes and ciphers. This would allow us to secure communications when used to transport life safety information during an “all else fails” situation.

As an Emergency Management Coordinator in the great State of Texas I am acutely aware of the benefits of Amateur Radio and the role provided by hams during emergencies. I believe that codes and ciphers could be used strategically on the Amateur Radio bands just as they are used by public safety entities across the nation when needed. Not all communications require codes and ciphers, but to allow the use would during emergencies and testing would be a great asset and skill set for hams.

Sincerely,

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