Subject: RM-11708, RM-11759 and WT 16-239

I am writing to voice my opposition to the subject Rule Makings.

I, Henry Pollock, have been a licensed (WB4HFL, K4TMC) Amateur Radio enthusiast since the late 1970’s and have enjoyed the innovations that have brought advancements in the hobby and to the general public. I am a Life Member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

My opposition is based on (1) the potential unlimited bandwidth transmissions that will be used by the proponents of the subject rule making, (2) the inability of third party listeners to interpret the transmissions, (3) the bypassing of commercial services by use of amateur radio, and (4) the potential for business or illegal activities conducted over amateur radio frequencies.

In reading some of the comments provided by the supporters of the subject rule making, it appears that a large number of those proponents will be using the activity to access free internet and email services from maritime and remote locations. I do not receive free internet and email at home; so why should I expect it when away from home? There are commercial services that can provide these if needed.

Self-policing by hobby participants will be significantly impacted.

With the number of foreign agents attempting to impact our country, this rule making could provide an additional path of private communications that could potentially affect National Security.