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RM-11708 would allow wide-band automated digital transmissions to cause wide spread interference to efficient narrow-band digital modes such as the Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Software (NBEMS) as embodied, for example, in the FLDigi software suite. NBEMS is used increasingly by the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), RACES, and military users for emergency communications. Automated digital transmissions, such as use Pactor, do not check first if the spectrum is in use and so interferes with NBEMS drastically. This is unacceptable. The RM-11708 proposal would also assign only about 35 wide band spectrum segments where today more than 500 independent narrow band emergency transmissions are possible simultaneously. There is no need for this as there is sufficient VHF frequency spectrum for the development of automated transmission technologies. I urge the committee to reject the RM-11708 proposal. [Amateur Radio Call sign NT6ET. Placer County CA ARES AEC.]