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I'm a licensed amateur radio operator with an Amateur Extra class license. My call sign is AG3EK. I'm opposed to RM-11708 because I don't think it offers any kind of protection to people that use low bandwidth modes of communication. This would include both long standing traditional modes of communication (such as CW and RTTY) as well as the newer modes like PSK31 and JT-65. With so much competition for spectrum, it doesn't make sense to me to allow 2.8KHz bandwidth operations in those parts of the HF bands that are currently being utilized very effectively for narrow bandwidth modes.

I'm also quite concerned about new automated digital modes being used without being able to accurately detect whether or not their intended spectrum is in use or not and thereby having them overpower ongoing communications.

I'm a highly technical person with a desire for using digital modes on the HF bands, but I really think this plan is not the right way to do it. I would suggest specific allocations within the same frequency ranges currently to other wide bandwidth modes such as voice modes.