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To whom it may concern,

I have held an amateur radio license for 28 years and hold an Extra Class license, AD5A. I am in favor of the FCC granting this request, with a few key reasons listed below:

The frequency allocation in question is typically characterized as a high noise environment. I don't think there is any debate that digital and CW modes are more effective in this environment than SSB, AM, FM or other "voice modes".

The current allocations are creating considerable congestion as the digital and CW operators are being compressed. It seems obvious that these modes would be the most popular on a band with the high noise that typically exists and that SSB operators desirous of reliable two way communication would seek better conditions and move to other bands.

FCC rules should facilitate the best communication modes available if this critical radio infrastructure built and maintained by the amateur radio community is to be the most effective when needed.

The approval of this petition will give the CW and digital modes more room to operate and will make the best use of the frequency band in question.

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