

Comment on RM-11759.

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This is a request to Deny Petition RM11759

I am opposed to petition RM-11759 as proposed by the American Radio Relay League.

As a licensed Extra Class and Life member of the ARRL for 46 years I present below some of the reasons this petition needs to be denied.

- 1.The FCC made a wise and great decision in 2006 to set the band limits as they are today. There was no mistake made in this decision as suggested by the ARRL. The phone band between 3600 and 3650 has created many opportunities to needed growth in number of groups that did not exist prior to 2006. This 3600 to 3650Khz portion of the band has done more in promoting harmony, growth, incentives, experimentation and needed space for one of the fastest growing areas of Amateur Radio.
- 2.Automatic Digital Operations should not be allowed to supersede on these precious frequencies that are occupied by real time human beings currently using these frequency's to foster the true purpose of Amateur Radio. It is troubling to watch the ARRL use their influence and lobbying power to wrestle away these frequencies from Extra License users to support special ADO interest groups.
- 3.Frequencies between 3500 to 3600 is not over populated but instead rather under populated. It is clearly illogical thought for the ARRL to request expanding the under crowded portion of the band into the well used and growing Extra portion of the band. Extra Class license holders has increased the most and the decision by the FCC in 2006 was perfect solution to help accelerate this growth. It makes no sense to destroy this Extra Class incentive for non man made digital machines and force over crowding in other key areas of the band.
- 4.Better opportunities exist for the digital group in the under used 7100 to 7125 Khz. Following the ITU World Radio communication conference offers better choices that consider frequencies 5351.5 ti 5366.5 Khz.

Myself and countless others are thankful for the decision that the FCC intentionally made in 2006. The FCC vision was correct and many benefits have been yielded from those changes. Please do not allow petition RM-11759 to be passed. To do so would only provide gain for the automatically digital controlled station instead of the continuance support to the real spirit of all Amateur Radio these frequencies give us today.

Thank You
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