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I am opposed to this proposal. No attention has been given to the repercussions to CW and Digital Amateur operators in other countries where these sub bands are designated as strictly CW and digital. The chaos caused by the higher bandwidth SSB transmissions would be great and generate considerable ill feeling toward American Amateurs.

I have operated mainly in the CW portion of the bands for over 40 years and have enjoyed contacts with others operators who prefer this mode of communication to phone operation. I particularly enjoy rag chew conversations with other operators where I have made many CW friends. These longer chats could be interrupted by interference (QRM) from phone operators.

Low power CW operation (QRP) would also be adversely affected by the influx of Phone operators.

One of the reasons I have enjoyed CW over phone operation is that lower power and simple antennas can be used to make and maintain contacts as compared with phone operation.

I ask the Commission to maintain the sub bands as is and deny this petition.

Sincerely,

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