To: The FCC
RE: RM-11769

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

As an amateur radio operator for over 46 years, I have seen many changes in the hobby. One steadfast mode over the years, from the start of the radio craft to the present has been CW. Despite the deregulation of the previously rigorous licensing standards that required the knowledge of CW, the bands are more active than ever with hams using this mode with homebrew QRP transmitters, innovative keys, computer programs and finally, superb skill, all by using a tiny portion of the spectrum and the big bang of efficiency. The evidence of this efficiency is evident: a skilled CW operator can "get through" with low power and emergency antennas, transferring information at a high rate of speed and reliability. Many use this mode while in the field, under emergency conditions, with great success. (see Field Day).

The new, misguided proposal of RM-11769 will severely impact the CW bands, causing interference and chaos to what is currently a band segment that has seen a resurgence in growth, and increased importance to emergency communications. If this proposal is enacted, the current enthusiasm for CW could be squelched, with serious consequences to the hobby and our nation's diverse communications network.

I urge the Commission to reject this proposal.

Sincerely

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