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My name is Jerry Curry (KL7EDK) and I've been in Amateur Radio for 45+ years.

I am in support of RM-11708 for several reasons.

- 1) The baud rate symbol limit has impeded the development of more complex modulation schemes by those in the hobby who have engineering talents as well as private industry.
- 2) 99% of all other countries in the world do NOT have this or similar restrictions. This restriction prevents US Amateur Radio Operators from taking advantage of existing technology and equipment now available world wide.
- 3) Some argue that removal of the symbol rate restriction will cause willful and unwanted interference on amateur frequencies which is incorrect. The bandwidth limit of 2.8khz prevents this from happening and is a reasonable limitation since it conforms to existing modes now in use. Nothing in this proposal adds additional frequencies for digital use so it's impact on general amateur use is nil.
- 4) For those who use wider data transmission modes removal of the restriction will enable faster transmission speeds and obtain better spectrum efficiency and shorter transmission times.
- 5) I can't see any reason to keep this limitation in place. It has long since outgrown it intended purpose and is now holding back the advancement of the hobby for both pleasure and emergency use.

Thank you.

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