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As both a very active Amateur Radio operator and career public safety communications professional, I am writing to strongly support the proposal to remove the symbol rate limitation from digital modes. It is past time to remove this restriction that is blocking one of the most efficient uses of digital communication on the ham bands. Making this rule change will allow US hams to benefit from modern digital modes being used regularly in virtually all other countries.

Acceptance of the proposed rule change will have no negative impact on any ham. It has no negative impact on ham radio use, it does not increase the bandwidth allowed for digital signals, and it does not alter the frequency allocations allowed for digital transmissions.

Simply, it will allow more traffic to be passed through the same bandwidth and allow experimentation in even more efficient data communications. Please accept the proposed rule change.

Thank you for your consideration,
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