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As a retired Emergency Management Professional and a longtime Licensed Amateur Radio Operator, I wish to support the proposed rule modification defined in RM-11708 to remove the symbol rate limitation from the FCC Rules. This would allow Amateur Radio Operators working in support of local, state and national agencies and organizations responding to disaster communications situations to use Pactor 4 in their operations.

I support this proposed rule change for the following reasons:

1. The proposed change does not alter the bandwidth limits or the frequencies available for digital use, so no new frequency space is being used. It has no negative impact on the Ham spectrum.
2. The use of Pactor 4 simply makes the use of existing bandwidth more efficient, so additional traffic can be passed without allocating new frequencies.
3. The further development of even faster protocols in the same bandwidth limitations depends on the success of this rulemaking.