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As an amateur radio operator actively involved in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service in the North Texas Section of the ARRL, I strongly concur with the ARRL filing. In Texas we depend on digital communications using the Winlink System to support communications in the event of communications failures such as tornado and hurricanes. The old symbol rate definition limits us to literally half the throughput with the same bandwidth used by modern hardware not limited by the symbol rate. Countries everywhere in the world with the exception of the USA are able to use this more modern hardware. The amateur radio service was founded in part to advance the state of the art and the current symbol rate restriction artificially restricts innovation for advanced digital formats unnecessarily. Our amateur radio bands are quite crowded and adopting the ARRL proposal will be a help in improving the communications throughput thus reducing the congestion.

I encourage you to adopt the ARRL proposal.

Regards,
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