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I fully SUPPORT the ARRL Petition (RM-11708) to remove the existing symbol rate limitation from digital modes. Without this change, we cannot expect significant progress on efficient use of digital modes on the Amateur Radio bands.

The proposal does not increase the bandwidth allowed for digital signals. Further, the proposal does not alter the frequency allocations allowed for digital transmissions. Thus, no amateur radio operator will be negatively affected by adoption of the proposal.

Moreover, the positive effect of the proposal will be quite evident in that:

1. Adoption of the proposal will allow more efficient use of the available bandwidth;
2. As compared to the existing rule, the proposal will allow more information to be transmitted via the same bandwidth as now exists.

As an Amateur Radio operator who spends most of his time on Emergency Communications and preparing for emergency traffic between and among governmental emergency management agencies and various volunteer communication groups (e.g., ARES, CERT, MARS, etc.), I cannot over-emphasize the need for modern, effective and efficient emergency digital communications. Adoption of the proposal will greatly assist our volunteer groups in preparing for communicating in emergency events.

In closing, I urge the FCC to adopt the proposed rule change, thereby allows United States Amateur Radio operators access to modern digital modes being used regularly in virtually all other countries.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments