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*Comments in support of Proceeding RM-11708*

I support the proposed changes incorporated in Proceeding RM-11708 removing the symbol rate limitations related to digital modes.

The proposal does not increase the bandwidth allowed for digital signals and actually limits them to no more bandwidth than that used by the typical single-sideband (SSB) transmission. Further, the proposal does not increase or otherwise change the frequency allocations allowed for digital transmissions.

The current symbol rate limitations prohibit the use of modern digital encoding technologies, which are being used successfully throughout most of the world, by U. S. Amateur Radio licensees. The proposal will permit more efficient use of the available bandwidth and will have no negative impact on other Amateur Radio use.

In addition, the proposal will foster the purposes embodied in the Amateur Service, specifically Section 97.1(c), encouraging “advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art”. The current technologically outdated limits impose significant barriers to development and serve to stifle innovation.

Please accept the proposed rule change.

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