

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to submit my comment on RM-11708. The proposal brought up by the ARRL.

I believe this proposal is being fueled by a select few digital operators to further their cause on the ham bands with total disregard to other modes of operation on these bands.

As it is, automatically operated radio stations are in complete noncompliance of the FCC rules regarding interference. If a station may be on a frequency for a long period of time and out of nowhere, an automatic digital station will key up and completely eliminate the signal of the station I had been in contact with. The ARRL states these stations are in compliance. I disagree and a listen on any bands in the digital portion will show this to be true.

Adding more bandwidth will exasperate this interference and these stations will then take over the CW portion of the bands.

When that is not enough will there be a proposal for operation in the phone portions?

If there is a need for faster communications during a time of emergency then I believe the FCC has the authority to authorize this type of communication during this time.

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

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