

I urge the FCC to reject RM-11708.

The ARRL has put forward this request without consideration from its membership, and I question what problem they are attempting to solve with such a rule-making. I see benefit going to a small handful of people within the Amateur Radio Service, while a very large contingent of hams who operate CW, PSK, RTTY and other narrow emissions will suffer. I have grown tired of the ARRL attempting to change the service while keeping its membership in the dark to such requests.

I believe that the FCC is correct in the long standing method of separating narrow emissions from wide emissions via the use of sub-bands. As a licensed ham for almost 45 years now, I like operating CW and other narrow emission modes, and not having to compete with a SSB signal interfering with me.

Propagation of signals, while somewhat predictable, is not an exact science. I can be in contact with a weak signal station on the other side of the world, and another fellow ham cannot hear either one of us. If he is using the same narrow emission as I, he can completely wipe out either or both sides of my conversation without knowing it. Under this proposal, the third party could wreak havoc on many narrow emission conversations with a wide emission.

To summarize, please reject RM-11708. Thank you for your consideration.