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Please deny RM-11708. It proposes to harm the CW and narrow-band users (the most efficient users of bandwidth) of the amateur radio bands. Many modes are included in this including CW, PSK31, JT65, and JT9. These modes allow operators to use the minimal power required to make a contact with the narrowest bandwidth. Not only that, but it does not follow the IARU recommendations throughout the world.

The ARRL has been infiltrated by special interest groups that believe their portion of the hobby is more important than anyone else's. If RM-11708 is passed, it goes completely against what the ARRL has stated in the past and that is to be good stewards of the bandwidth we have been given as amateur radio operators.

Comments have been filed stating that if RM-11708 is passed, mariners will be able to get "free" email and Internet access. Is that what the FCC is about? Is that who the ARRL is protecting - non-amateurs who want "free" access to email and the Internet?

The FCC should protect all current users of CW, RTTY, and narrow band data operators who would be run over rough-shod by users of PACTOR 3 and PACTOR 4. Do not let the special interest groups (a minority of users) dictate to the majority how the bands are used.

I urge the Commission to maintain the 300 baud limit and impose a 500 Hz bandwidth restriction in all HF CW/Data subbands while allowing RTTY/data to operate with up to 2.8 kHz bandwidth in the other (wideband) parts of amateur HF radio.