I am opposed to the suggested change proposed by ARRL. I am a member of ARRL and have been for over 30 years, but this proposal may well mean my dropping my renewal next year. ARRL is all about making money; they have forgotten their mission, started many years ago. Now all they want is for their membership to continue to grow so that they can show their major supporters there is profitable growth. This new change being proposed will not garner new upgrades, why would they need to upgrade when privileges are being handed to them. I worked hard for my license and the privileges gained with it, others should do the same. It is the right way, hard work and a real desire driving lots of thinking and study/reading earns the desired goal. Not given to ones who do not have this desire. What drove me to get my license and further upgrade was a deep desire within me to advance and to serve with my ham radio skills. I loved the adventure and the uncertainty of all of it and I loved the hard work and the sense of accomplishment. Passing undue privileges without the work and the study and the exercising of the brain will only yield unworthy hams. The idea is that the ham community is declining, well I hear both sides of this and somehow I really doubt that it is. And, maybe if it is then that is where it needs to be anyway, maybe ARRL needs to experience a real substantial downsizing to see just where they need to be and who the need to serve. I do know that if they do not change their ways soon, they will be doing it without my yearly membership dues. Give them more privileges only after they have earned them by showing the advanced skills required to obtain such privileges.