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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Secretary F.C.C.
Washington DC 20554

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Dear Commissioners:

As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and life member of the American Radio Relay League since 1981 I am writing to oppose the petition by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, in RM-8626 that would eliminate the rules permitting one-way transmissions such as code practice and bulletins by the American Radio Relay League's station W1AW.

As an aspiring amateur I availed myself of the Morse code practice transmissions of the ARRL. I am sure others, over the years, have done likewise. The bulletin transmissions continue to keep me updated as a source of instant news events and other matters of interest to me and the amateur radio community. The code practice and bulletin transmissions are free to all users of the radio spectrum. These one-way transmissions are also non-discriminatory as they are available to all people whether or not they may be members of the ARRL.

Mr. Maia's petition is frivolous and self-serving. Elimination of the one-way transmission rules may well impact in a positive manner, his business of licensing and publishing his "W5YI Report" newsletter. Further, he assumes that all prospective applicants and present licensees have computers and that those who have computers are all able to afford on-line services subscriptions.

Please reject Mr. Maia's petition.

Sincerely,

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