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Dear Secretary:

I would like to voice my opposition to rule changes that will silence WIAW bulletin and code practice transmissions.

Perhaps the rules need to be more restrictive, but to stop the WIAW one-way transmissions would be a bad move.

ARRL has long been the central organization for amateur radio, and as such in a hobby that is centered on communications, it seems only fitting that ARRL should be communicating with the amateur community, even if it is on a one-way basis.

As long as code proficiency is a requirement of licensing, it seems that WIAW code practice serves a very real need. As newcomers join the ranks of amateur radio one of the first purchases many make is a HF receiver. This gives them an opportunity to receive WIAW code practice without any further investment.

Perhaps some will benefit commercially from the silencing of WIAW, but even if that is not the case, I don't believe we should force amateurs to purchase computers, on-line services, software, and tapes to learn and practice code.

The day may be coming when code will no longer be required for licensing, but until then we need WIAW on the air with their services.

Respectfully,

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