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REGARDING: RM No. 8626 (Mr. Maia's petition to eliminate one-way radio transmissions below 30 MHz)

The first thing that comes to my mind is the American Radio Relay League's station, W1AW, transmissions of Morse code practice/proficiency and CW bulletins, many of which note actions of this Commission. I have spent thousands of pleasurable hours listening to these transmissions, and they have benefitted me greatly in working my way up to the top amateur radio license class. But CW is not the only one-way mode below 30 MHz from ARRL: SSB, RTTY and other computer-generated modes are also transmitted. Some amateur radio emergency transmissions are one-way. Granting this petition would do no good for these activities, but would do considerable harm.

What would happen to the below 30 MHz one-way transmissions of WWV, the station of the Bureau of Standards and Technology? Their precise time checks and notations of propagation, weather and navigation aids are of great benefit to many citizens. Granting this petition would do great harm to these activities.

What would become of beacon stations useful for propagation and navigation purposes? What would happen to short-wave broadcast stations, such as "Voice of America"? Granting this petition would do great harm in this area.

And, finally, I note that the one-way standard broadcast band is below 30 MHz. The thought of elimination of these activities is at once bizarre, quixotic and utterly ridiculous. Can you imagine the reaction of the general public to such a proposal after enjoying standard broadcast for nearly a century?

In conclusion, barring receipt of further evidence I suggest the Commission deny this petition.

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