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Secretary, FCC
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Amateur Radio and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) have been an important part of my life since 1952. I am writing to you in order to express my opposition to the petition by Frederick O. Maia, W5YL, in RM-8626 that would eliminate the rules permitting one-way transmissions such as code practice and information bulletins by the ARRL's station W1AW.

The code practice transmissions made by the ARRL over many years have been a major source of training for United States citizens to pass the FCC code requirements in amateur radio licensing examinations. Information bulletin transmissions are a valuable source of news events and other matters pertaining to the amateur community. These one-way services are non-discriminatory in that they are available to the general public at no cost.

Mr. Maia's petition is obviously self-serving. He is in the business of selling information newsletters, computer software, and written material which essentially duplicate the ARRL's free services. Should the ARRL be prohibited from making one-way transmissions, Mr. Maia's business would be enhanced. This is inherently unfair. Furthermore, it is no secret that Mr. Maia and the ARRL have been at odds on several other issues and that Mr. Maia seeks all avenues of denigrating and causing harm to the ARRL.

The petition in RM-8626 is nothing more than an effort by Mr. Maia to inflict further harm upon the ARRL. It is therefore frivolous and should be dismissed.

With all due respect, I request that the petition under RM-8626 be rejected.

Very truly yours,
Ronald S. Levy RR8

cc: Raymond A. Kowalski, Esq.

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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: Reply comments regarding petition number RM-8626

Dear Sirs:

We the undersigned officers of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the unanimous vote of our club to express our firm opposition to the petition for rule making, RM-8626, proposed by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI.

Mr. Maia's petition proposes to amend the rules that allow one way transmissions on frequencies below 30 MHz for the purpose of morse code practice and dissemination of information pertaining to amateur radio. He claims that these functions can now be obtained through computer software and computer on-line services. While this concept may be valid for many amateurs with computer facilities, it would likewise eliminate participation in these functions by the general amateur population.

In our club, many members have learned and improved their morse code capability through the code practice provided by W1AW. Timely information on amateur radio matters is also provided to our members through the W1AW bulletins. The majority of the members do not have the required on-line computer facilities.

The rationale behind Mr. Maia's petition must be pondered in light of the fact that the W5YI group markets code practice software and publishes an amateur radio newsletter.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Melby - President
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Secretary, F.C.C.
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FILE NO. RM-8626

Dear Secretary,

This letter is a comment
on the referenced petition.

I consider ARRL bulletins and Code
practice transmitted on ARRL station
W1AW to be valuable to radio
amateurs. From my own experience
copying code from W1AW enhanced my
code copying ability so that I was
able to qualify for EXTRA license
class.

Sincerely

Robert C. Carter

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Re: RM-8286

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposal contained in RM-8286. If approved by the Commission, it would delete the sections in Part 95 which permit one-way transmission on amateur bands below 30Mhz.

I believe that first and foremost, the Commission should ask whether any such change will result more efficient utilization of spectrum below 30Mhz or to the betterment of amateur radio in general. I don't believe that it would. Mr. Maia's proposal seems just a little bit wacky.

Any interference of other untoward results of one-way transmissions being allowed below 30Mhz are insignificant in comparison to illegal operations in that portion of the spectrum, which include:

- Unauthorized military utilization of said frequencies.
- Unauthorized international broadcasts.
- Other unauthorized commercial utilization.
- "Freeband" utilization, aka pirate radio.
- Malicious practices of licensed and unlicensed amateurs.

One-way transmissions do not result in harmful interference and permit wide dissemination of bulletins of interest to the amateur community. An example of this is W1AW's broadcasts from its headquarters to "All Radio Amateurs." This practice has been going on for the past 70 years and I've never heard of any complaints concerning it. The burden of proof is upon Mr. Maia to demonstrate that W1AW broadcasts or code practice, etc. have resulted in the degradation of communications below 30Mhz.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



Eric M. Nelson, WA0KVD

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Gentlemen:

Reference File Number: RM-8626

I am writing to object to petition for rule making now before the FCC which would eliminate all one-way transmissions such as code practice and information bulletins on the amateur bands below 30 MHz.

I possess an extra class license and have almost a quarter century of experience as an amateur radio operator. The so-called one-way transmissions which provide code practice and information provide a valuable service to the amateur radio community both within the United States and abroad. While I was stationed in South American, many of my Paraguayan freinds used the code practice sessions sent by WIAW to sharpen their skills. There is NO substitute for over-the-air code practice.

As for the information bulletins, they provide up to the minute information concerning FCC happenings, news of DXpeditions, propogation forecasts, and many other items of general amateur interest. All of this is provided FREE OF CHARGE to any radio listener, regardless of license or lack thereof, or affiliation or non-affiliation with any organization. To deny this service to the public at large cannot be justified.

To argue that there are tapes to study code ignores the fact that the makers of the tapes charge a fee, that computer on-line services provide the information assumes that everyone has a computer with modem and subscribes to the service, a fact not in evidence according to surveys I have read. To avail oneself of the FREE services provided on-the-air, one needs only a simple short wave receiver which may be purchased at a reasonable price.

I recommend that the referenced petition be rejected.

Sincerely,


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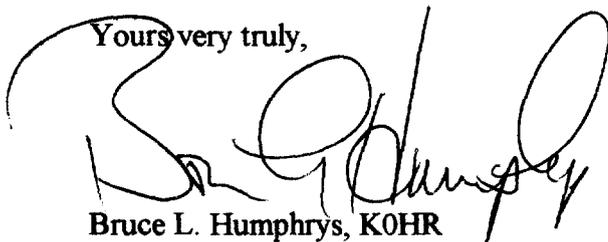
Dear Sirs:

I write in opposition to the above cited petition for Rule Making, filed by Frederick O. Maia. The Amateur Radio Service has a long and splendid history of providing on-the-air practice for not only newcomers to the Service, but for advanced licensees as well.

The practice that one can receive during actual on-the-air copying sessions is invaluable to learning the intricate communications techniques necessary for copying code under actual contact situations.

I simply cannot fathom what the petitioner is trying to eliminate through his petition, and am strongly opposed to it.

Yours very truly,



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