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Dear Secretary,

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I have been an active Amateur Radio operator for the past 30 years and **agree with** Mr. Maia's petition for rulemaking regarding one way "broadcasts" by radio amateurs. High frequency (HF) spectrum space, particularly for radiotelephone operations, is at a premium. The incidence of amateur "broadcasting" has increased dramatically in the past few years, causing daily interference to amateurs engaged in two-way communications. All amateur "broadcasters" (on HF) start their radio transmissions without concern for stations already using a frequency. Often the content of these broadcasts has little to do with amateur radio. One "broadcaster" in particular continually recounts his efforts in supporting revolutionary efforts in other countries! (K1MAN) Others re-broadcast amateur related information that is easily available through a variety of other sources, including VHF/UHF repeaters, the Internet, magazines and newsletters. Many of these "broadcasters" try to copy the "sound" of regular AM and FM commercial broadcast stations, complete with guest hosts, disc jockey style announcers and self promotion!

I understand the current direction is towards de-regulation, however, enacting the rulemaking suggested in RM-8626 is necessary to stop this detrimental and spectrum wasting trend in amateur radio. Imagine if a majority of amateur radio operators started broadcasting, transmitting for hours at a time, non-stop! This activity is contrary to the intent of amateur radio which is to increase technical and operating proficiency in two way communications.

I am sure that there will be respondents to RM-8626 that will attempt to defend particular "bulletin" stations, like W1AW. While this station has broadcast worthwhile information services in the past in the HF bands, today it is obsolete. There are far more efficient local and national information outlets on VHF/UHF packet bulletin boards, as well as the ARRL's many newsletters and publications.

In summary, it is in the best interest of amateur radio to eliminate one way transmissions on HF because the increasing level of "broadcasting" by a growing number of stations is creating an intolerable situation.

Sincerely,



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