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SUBJECT:RM-8626

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Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

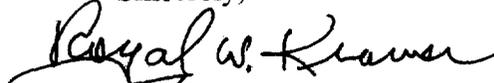
I am writing this letter regarding the above subject, RM-8626 because I feel that Mr. Maia is 100% in error regarding this petition.

Code practice transmissions below 30 Mhz. by W1AW has been a great asset to hams and would-be hams as far as getting their amateur licenses is concerned. It benefited me a great deal back in the 1950's prior to getting my General Class ticket and I know it is benefiting people today who are trying to do the same.

It seems there is a new philosophy among the newer amateur radio operators that CW is dead; that it is no longer needed; that it has outlived its purposes. WRONG!!! CW today is very much alive and still the basic means of communication when all else fails. There is still a pioneering spirit today among amateurs that like to build their own equipment and the most simplest form of transmitter today is one used for CW. There have been numerous occasions during natural or other types of disasters when all modes of communication failed but CW got through successfully. CW takes up very little bandwidth. Therefore, many stations can operate in a given amount of frequency. This cannot be said of amplitude modulation, single sideband or any other mode on the ham bands today.

I want to go on record as being 100% **OPPOSED** to the petition issued by Mr. Fred Maia, W5YI and to say that W1AW should continue to broadcast one way code practice transmissions as they have been doing so faithfully for so many years.

Sincerely,



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(Advanced Class)

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