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April 9, 1995
Federal Communications Commission
c/o Secretary, FCC
Washington DC 20554

Dear Commissioners,

As an amateur radio operator and ARRL member since 1961, I write to oppose the petition by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, in RM-8626 that would eliminate the rules permitting one-way transmissions such as code practice and bulletins by the American Radio Relay League's station W1AW.

The ARRL's code practice transmissions are responsible for many U.S. citizens to get the necessary training to pass the code requirements of FCC amateur license examinations. Additionally, the information bulletin transmissions are a valuable source of instant news events and other matters pertaining to the amateur radio fraternity. The one-way services are non-discriminatory in that they are available to all, members and non-members alike.

Mr. Maia's petition is frivolous and self-serving. Elimination of the one-way transmission rules is designed to enhance his business of licensing and publishing his W5YI Report newsletter. He assumes that all prospective applicants and present licensees have computers, and that those who have computers are able to afford on-line services subscriptions.

Please reject Mr. Maia's petition.

Sincerely yours,



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