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RM 8626

Dear Sir:

Having been an amateur radio operator for 19 years, I am of the strong opinion that one-way Broadcast below 30 MHz should remain in tact. Not all amateurs are fortunate to have computers; therefore, if this takes place a lot of amateurs will be out in the cold.

Please consider the majority when you act or not on this petition.

Sincerely yours,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM AGAINST THE RM 8626 PETITION THAT WAS FILED BY FRED MIAL⁷⁴⁵⁴². THERE ARE MANY HAMS WHO USE WIAW FOR CODE PRACTICE. I SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH CODE PRACTICE FROM WIAW. IT WOULD BE A COLD DAY IN AUGUST TO SEE WIAW GO OFF THE AIR. WIAW CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CODE PRACTICE FOR ANYONE PREPARING FOR A PERSON FOR A CODE EXAM. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT RM 8626 SHOULD BE VOTED DOWN. KEEP CODE PRACTICE ON THE AIR.

SINCERLY YOURS

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20554

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In the matter of

Amendment of Part 97 of the
Commission's Rules to Eliminate
Certain One-Way Communications in
the Amateur Radio Service Medium
and High Frequency Bands

RM No. 8626

To: The Commission

I strongly object to Mr. Maia's proposal regarding certain one-way transmissions on assigned Amateur band frequencies below 30 MHz. I take particular exception to his statement, which follows:

"Today there are plenty of other methods of communicating information to Amateurs, including Amateur vhf packet networks, on-line computer services such as CompuServe, Prodigy, America Online and the World Wide Web pages of the Internet. Similarly, code practice is now easily accomplished via software training and simulation programs."

Mr. Maia, W5YI, mistakenly assumes that every Ham owns, or has access to a computer. This is an unrealistic assumption. In many households with home computers, the cost of on-line services does not always fit the family or individual budget. Many Amateur operators, by choice, do not have packet radio equipment. This choice should be left up to the individual.

While Morse code training tapes are available from many sources, including The W5YI GROUP, they do not provide the fresh quality and diversity of practice which is realized by users of W1AW's programs. Tapes do serve a purpose, but are a poor substitute for exposure under actual *on-the-air* receiving conditions. The loss of use of frequencies below 30 MHz would restrict W1AW to VHF and cripple this valuable service by significantly reducing the listening area. Due to my geographical location, I am unable to receive W1AW on VHF, and by necessity must depend on the lower-frequency bands to benefit from their transmissions.

The ARRL does not operate W1AW irresponsibly, nor does it attempt to monopolize the airwaves. It does not charge listeners for services provided, nor does it in any way attempt to demean other providers of similar services. It does not compel listeners to use its services to the exclusion of others. Its operation is and has always been *pro bono publico*, and intends to remain so. To deprive domestic and international users of such a valuable service, by prohibiting such transmissions below 30 MHz would be a major setback for Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Radio enthusiasts alike.

I feel that Mr. Maia's request is not in the public interest. I respectfully request that Section 97.111 remain as written, and that Mr. Maia's Petition For Rulemaking be denied.

I will appreciate your careful consideration in this matter, and respect your decision..



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April 18, 1995

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RE: RM-8626
Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Sir,

This is the complaint against petition RM-8626 and the presentation of the support of W1AW broad casts of the code practice and bulletines.

The Amateur radio operators' privilage are using amateur radio band for the emergency services and communications or for as a personal hobby.

Performing cw practise on computer and/or receiving bulletines thru computer is not radio operators' interests. I can say it is just possible but we are licensed as a amateur "RADIO" by FCC , NOT as a COMPUTER.

We have a privilage to perform all kinds of practise on the radio within FCC regulations.

The petition of our transitions to the computer hobby is just a nonsense to us who have been enjoying the radio communications.

Please take this into the considerations in the decision.

Sincerely Yours

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