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Federal Communications Commission
C/o the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Sirs:

In the matter of DOC RM ⁸⁶⁸² ~~8682~~, which would restrict or eliminate one-way transmissions by stations licensed in the Amateur Radio Service, I oppose it for the following reasons:

(1) Most of these transmissions disseminate information of particular interest to the amateur community and provide Morse code training on the air. The information consists for the most part of propagation conditions, public service activities and regulatory matters. The code training is invaluable to maintaining proficiency in that mode, mastery of which is still required for HF operating privileges. Transmissions of this sort have long been part of the tradition of amateur radio, and their curtailment would be a severe detriment to the high standards of the Amateur Radio Service.

(2) These transmissions are afforded free of charge by radio clubs and non-profit amateur radio organisations, most notably the American Radio Relay League. The League provides many important services to the amateur community, such as technical publications at affordable prices, legislative representation, organisational support, and on-the-air information bulletins and code drills. For over eighty years the League has existed to serve the amateur radio community and the larger society, which amateur radio serves without remuneration. The price structure of League publications, and the salary level of League employees, are indicators of the League's lack of commercial interest. The League and its employees provide services without concern for profits and high salaries. The activities of the League and the many radio clubs deserve support and legal protection, not curtailment.

(3) The proposal to change the present law was submitted by Mr. Fred Maia, W5YI, who is well known to the amateur community by virtue of his business interests; they consist of radio publications, information bulletins and volunteer examination for licensing. Perhaps Mr. Maia feels that non-profit service providers adversely effect his commercial interests. Apparently his interests are considerable, as he has engaged a powerful Washington law firm that includes previous FCC employees amongst its attorneys. But Mr. Maia's concerns ought not determine the legal structure of the Amateur Radio Service, which exists to serve the public rather than any party's commercial interests.

(4) The intrusion of commercial interests into the regulation of the Amateur Radio Service would do violence to the traditions and purposes of amateur radio. The well-loved customs and usages of amateur radio, passed down from generation to generation for almost a century, would be irrevocably distorted and ruined by the concern for business profits.

I hold an Amateur Extra license. The individuals and organisations that were of great help to me in attaining my present degree of proficiency in the radio art were motivated not by

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personal gain but by the continuation of the high standards and traditions of amateur radio. It cannot be said that these are Mr. Maia's concerns. I believe I speak for the vast majority of amateur radio operators when I advise the Commission to deny Mr. Maia's petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Wyatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henry Wyatt, KA2ZKD