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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

The W5YI Petition No. 8626 relative to the utilization of CW transmission in the Amateur Frequency Bands is completely without merit and should be denied. As a matter of fact the sloppy and lax testing methods used by the W5YI VE Personnel have already degraded the quality of operators in the amateur bands and W5YI should have the VE Privilege withdrawn until he can demonstrate that applicants passing his examinations can indeed operate a radio station within the intent of the Commission.

It has long been shown that under emergency conditions that CW operators perform a vital function in message handling in situations where other modes are absolutely useless. In the crowded spectrum existing at present, and in consideration of the indiscriminate interference caused by services from other countries and from wide band digital modes, it is mandatory to retain a cadre of proficient CW operators that can again perform the outstanding services vital to the National Security.

An investigation into the motivation of W5YI in making this unconscionable appeal should be made. It may be found that a conflict of interest exists in respect to the sale of equipment to those individuals too dull or indolent to become proficient radio operators.

Favorable action on Petition No.8626 would result in a giant step backwards in maintaining the ability of Amateur Radio to serve this Nation in times of emergency.

Sincerely,



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