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Reference: RM. No. 8626 (Fred Maia's petition to ban one-way
amateur radio voice and CW bulletins on HF.)

Dear Commissioners:

Allow me to voice my complete **support** for the W5YI proposal, with one exception: amateur packet (and other forms of digital communication) bulletin boards and CW beacons used for propagation testing, must be specifically *excluded* from the ban. These types of transmissions serve good purpose, and do not suffer from the same flaws common to voice bulletins and code practice. There is no doubt in my mind that amateur radio bulletins below 30 MHz are unnecessary, and discourteous.

Two current bulletin stations, W1AW and K1MAN, pass information of interest mainly to American amateurs, yet they use WORLD WIDE frequencies, and jam many conversations in the process. While it is possible to move conversations to another frequency, I fail to see why bulletin stations (or nets for that matter) should be immune to amateur service regulations regarding transmissions on a frequency that is already in use. It is 100% illegal to intentionally jam another amateur station yet these bulletin stations do it all the time.

Further, I would hate to have to rely on either W1AW or K1MAN to get my Ham news. Here in Southern California it is hard to copy either on the crowded HF bands, where they are often subject to interference from foreign stations on the same frequency. Two meter news services, such as *Newsline*, which are disseminated by telephone and broadcast on repeaters, serve amateur radio much better than any station below 30 MHz, and there is no reason the American Radio Relay League cannot use similar means to pass its news on.

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Opponents of the proposal state that a ban on CW practice would make it more difficult for operators to improve their code speed, citing on-the-air practice as being better than audio tapes or computer generated practice. As an advanced class operator, I would not disagree, but eliminating one-way transmissions will not do away with the ability to copy CW on the air. Many VHF repeater systems offer on-the-air code practice, and many thousands of CW QSOs take place everyday on VHF and HF. Further, it is my opinion that copying actual two-way conversations is far superior to the current one-way CW practice format: operators learn the flow of typical conversations that way, rather than just learning to copy random text from an issue of *QST* magazine.

No one can argue with W1AW's history of service to amateur radio. When HF was the lifeblood of our service, there was no better way to get information out. With the rise of the Technician license, the majority of hams don't even have access to frequencies below 30 MHz. In 1995, two meter FM and packet are the backbones of the amateur service, and it is there that our bulletins should be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth J. Collier, KO6UX". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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