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Federal Communications Commission,
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau,
Washington D.C. 20554.

Dear Sirs:

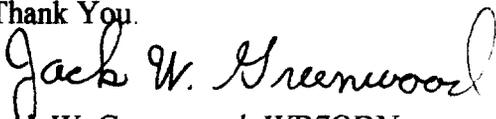
I would like to comment on some of the rules you have put forth in regards to the issuance of Amateur Radio vanity call signs. I am in agreement in principle with what you have issued but I would urge you to reconsider both the fee schedule and the "Any Call District" permission.

I would urge you to consider a one time "reasonable" fee for the vanity call sign. I feel it is going to be somewhat of an administrative head ache to keep it all straight. What if the holder of a vanity call sign comes on difficult financial times when his renewal is up. (Would be more likely to affect the seniors on fixed income.) A new call would have to be issued creating additional paperwork and record changing. Once a call is issued, whether it is bought or issued in the regular way, it should be the amateurs to keep until he either applies for a different one under the rules or violates the rules.

I feel allowing an Amateur to apply for a call sign out of his call district wouldn't be in the best interest of the traditional way call signs are issued in most of the world. It gives the person an identity with his area and tells the other amateurs where the other guy is located. With the "first come first serve" rule for applying it is going to put the Amateurs in the western part of the United States at a distinct disadvantage if those amateurs in the east can apply for call signs in the western districts. A lot of eastern amateurs are within driving distance of Philadelphia and can be camped on the doorstep when the gate opens. We who live in the sparsely populated areas of the west are going to be under an even greater disadvantage.

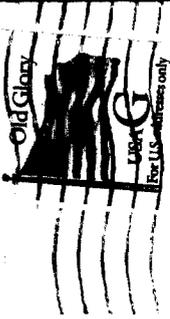
In a related matter I would like to state that I am in favor of a "reasonable" licensing fee for amateur radio. I would like to see the moneys put in the FCC Amateur radio division's operating budget but wouldn't oppose putting it in the general fund.

Thank You.



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