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To;

Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW. Room 222  
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RE: RM-9196

Sir;

I support the ARRL Petition to have the FCC adopt the "Minor Changes" In the rules so that an examination candidate, At Least, would have to attempt the Morse Code test, with any and all necessary accommodations, before being granted an exam wavier based on a Physicians certification. VEC's Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, Also, would be entitled to request medical information pertinent to an applicant's handicap from the certifying Physician. VEC's should be required to have on hand, this information, prior to forwarding the application to the FCC for processing.

The use of this provision for helping the handicapped is being flagrantly misused, as it is written. This provision, would at least, help to stem some of the unauthorized use. The ARRL has the expertise in the organization, MARCO, Medical Amateur Radio Control Operators, that have volunteered to help at no cost.

Please, issue a," Notice of Proposed Rule Making", on this matter.

Sincerely Yours

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