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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service
Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143. **MAIL ROOM**

I have some serious doubts about some of the changes I hear about in the license structure specifically about changes in the license requirements.

I believe that many of these changes and those proposed by the ARRL are driven by money, i.e. do away with many of the previous requirements and many applicants who were unable to meet the requirements of code or proficiency in the theory tests will obtain the (No requirements) license. Then we will have many more licensed amateurs, thus more members (more money) for groups such ARRL. Then You will have generated an expanded and very lucrative market for the many manufacturers and dealers in communication equipment. From here it seems that you will be moving in the same direction as happened in Citizens' Band radio in which we now have a multitude of unlicensed, unregulated operators ignoring band limitations, operating above power limitations, without any respect for language used or interference with others.

I believe that the Novice written and 5 WPM code tests should be maintained. The next level should be the General class, as in the past. I find it impossible to believe that anyone willing to apply themselves could not pass both the 5 WPM and the Novice theory test. If unwilling to apply even this minimal effort they certainly would be unwilling/or unable to contribute anything of value to amateur radio or to the communication needs of our country.

I believe that the code test for General class licenses should remain at 13 WPM and Extra Class at 20 WPM. The written theory tests are often revised and should be to meet the requirements of a constantly changing communication environment. Such tests should require a working knowledge of most recent digital technologies.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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GENTLEMEN:

THIS IS WRITTEN TO ADVISE THAT WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE ARRL CONCERNING AMATEUR RADIO RULES. THE REDUCTION OF CODE SPEED TO 5 WPM FOR A GENERAL LICENSE IS A VERY WORTHWHILE PROPOSAL. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT WITHIN 5-7 YEARS THE CODE REQUIREMENT FOR A GENERAL LICENSE SHOULD BE DELETED. A SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT WRITTEN EXAM SHOULD BE THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE CODE EXAM.

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AMATEUR RADIO IS A GREAT HOBBY. IT IS VERY GOOD FOR THIS HOBBY AND THE PUBLIC THAT THE FCC IS CONSIDERING REVISING THE RULES FOR AMATEUR RADIO.

PC: ARRL

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Dear FCC,

I will try and make this as brief as possible. I do wish that the licences using a name to identify each remain. The following is my proposal:

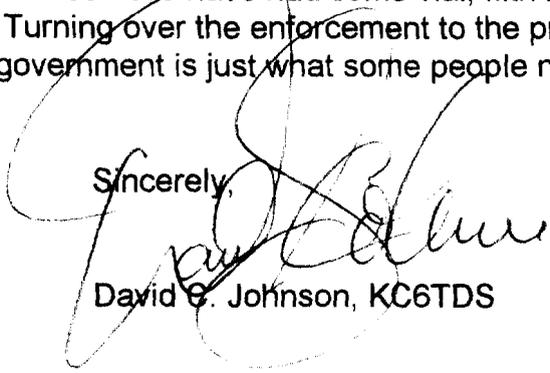
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Technician Plus	5 wpm code test
General	General examination with 10 wpm code test
Advanced	Advanced written exam
Extra	Extra examination with 15 wpm code test

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I think the current question pool for all of the examinations, and the way the test's are administered, is just fine. I do not support an essay written examination. Requiring to receive for the code test is good enough. I do not support the send and receive policy.

Regarding the enforcement policies. If laws are not enforced, some people will continually violate them. This is what has been happening in some area's. The FCC just needs to follow through on complaints and issue the heavy fines to each individual who insist on violating these laws. Some may even need time behind bars for their offense. We have had some vial, filth mouth individuals on the frequencies here. Turning over the enforcement to the private sector will not help. The wrath of the government is just what some people need. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Re: WT Docket 98-143

Gentlepeople:

These are my comments re your proposed rule-making.

1. Kindly lower General class code speed from 13 to 5.
2. More enforcement, please.

Very truly yours,



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FROM: ROBERT K MULLEINS KF4MHT FORMALLY KABEWC
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I AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED RULEMAKING CHANGE. LOWERING CODE
SPEED FOR THE "NEW GENERAL CLASS" FROM 13 TO 5 WORDS. THAT ALSO
WOULD BE THE ENTRY LEVEL CODE SPEED FOR TECHNICIAN'S. I WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE 20 WPM DROPPED TO 13. IN THE COMPUTER AGE OF
TODAY WITH INTERNET E-MAIL AND RTTY TWO CODE SPEEDS IS ALL WE
NEED. I AGREE THAT THE NOVICE CLASS SHOULD BE PHASED OUT. I THINK
WHEN YOU AUTHORIZE ADVANCED CLASS TO ADMINISTER TEST TO GENERAL
AND TECHNICIAN'S IT WILL ELEMENATE THE BURDEN ON THE VE'S WE NOW
HAVE.

THANKS

Robert K. Mullen

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