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In the matter of 1998 biennial Regulatory Review--Amendment of
Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket
98-043 I think the five (5) words per minute code should be all
that is required for all license grades.

As far as the written tests are concerned I think there are enough
questions now and no more are needed. I also feel the present
tests are sufficient for all grades of licenses. It is my opinion
that the tests should be left as they are or if any changes are
made it should be to omit a few of the questions.

I do not approve of essay written examinations. The present exam
question pool best reflects the challenge to demonstrate that you
are prepared to upgrade.

I feel that it would encourage more people to get into Amateur
Radio if you would follow these suggestions.

Sincerely,

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RE: IN THE MATTER OF 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW
AMENDMENT OF PART 97 OF THE COMMISSION'S AMATEUR SERVICE
RULES, FCC WT DOCKET 98-143

Dear Madam Secretary:

I welcome this opportunity to express my sentiments and situation regarding being able to communicate worldwide by voice rather than by Morse code (CW).

My licence is Technician -- No Code. I have a physical disability, tremors, the result of a stroke more than 25 years ago that eliminates me from using a Morse key. I am unable to write. Medication to help arrest the tremors lowers the threshold of the brain. I have also been diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome (CFIDS) by both a Neurologist and an Oncologist. Medication for which, causes confusion under stress and forgetfulness.

I have attempted the Morse Code test for 5 wpm, several times, unsuccessfully.

Ever since a small boy, I have been interested in electronics, and I have always dreamed of becoming an Amateur Ham Operator, with the ability to communicate around the world, by voice. I believe I have the knowledge to pass a General licence, and even an Extra licence, if it were not for the restrictive code test.

Sincerely,

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