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Magalie Roman Salas
FCC Secretary
Office of The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919-"M" Street N.W. Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ref: WT Docket 98-143

Dear Magalie Roman Salas

In the matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143, this Ham Radio Operator is against both the FCC and the ARRL proposed simplified amateur license structure change.

Because the "system is not really broke, why try to fix it".

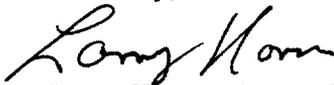
Reverting to an alpha character (A-D) designation for licenses, the system loses any significance relative to the non-ham maybe understanding where the ham stands in the license structure. If the present license designation means nothing, why was it changed in years past????

When you reduce the standards in any given situation, in order to induce more involvement; in the end, the situation loses. "Look at our country today".

Code tests levels (WPM) should remain where they are today and they should be administered by "fill-in-the-blank" question. Copying code legibly is one thing, but understanding what you copy is something else. Understanding by the applicant can only be substantiated by asking questions and getting the correct answers.

A disabled examinee should be required to take the exam as it presently stands and if unable to pass, then he or she does not get a ticket. I do not consider the present system of testing is based on the individual's physical capabilities, therefore why should future testing be adjusted to fit physical conditions. Never forget the majority rule.....

Sincerely,



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