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

REF: FCC WT Docket 98-143

Dear Ms. 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, I commend the commission for seeking input from the Amateur Radio community.

I support the American Radio Relay League's proposal to reduce the number of amateur operator licenses to four (4): class D, class C, class B, & class A. I firmly believe that reducing the required Morse code proficiency speeds is necessary to attract and hold the interest of new amateur radio operators.

A no code license for class D and 12 WPM code requirement for class B would be a most needed and long overdue rule change. With all of the communication mediums available with today's technology and the fact that Morse code is no longer utilized by the US Navy or ships at sea, I feel that the code requirements are out of date.

Sincerely,

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