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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Petition for proposed changes in 47 CFR Part § 97.25 License term for Amateur Radio

Commissioners:

I've been an Amateur Radio Operator since 1987 and have watched this great hobby mature and change over the years. As with any government entity we need to always evolve to the times and adapt to change. Amateur Radio is a hobby that contributes the Public Good by providing disaster communications. I've always thought that the Amateur license should be treated no different than the General Radio Telephone license which is for commercial purposes.

There are a few key considerations that should be discussed prior to making a decision regarding granting a license for life.

- Who will inform the FCC regarding the death of a licensed operator?
- Is this list going to be tied to the Death Master File (DMF) of Social Security?
- Not all licensed Amateur Radio Operators that are licensed through the FCC are American.
- Could the life license be conditionally tied and associated to being a member in good standing with an Amateur Radio Club or the American Radio Relay League (ARRL)?
- Frequency Coordinators have issued frequency pairs to operators for repeater usage and these pairs never become available until the licensed operator passes away or license expires (This should be raised as a special and separate issue).

I highly encourage the Commission to seriously consider the above before adapting a position either pro or con regarding adapting a lifetime license for Amateur Radio Operators, which I do conditionally support.

Sincerely,

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