

Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Clyburn, Mr. O'Rielly, Mr. Pai & Ms. Rosenworcel:

I would like to express my opposition to RM-11760 (lifetime license grants for amateur radio licensees).

The existing system requires license renewal every 10 years. Having a lifetime grant would likely end up with an error-filled database, as there is no specific mechanism to update addresses for licensees, should the operator not remember to file.

There would not be a way to verify if a license is actively being used, if the licensee has given up the hobby or died. I believe this would make it difficult to give any clear numbers as to the "real" number of amateur radio licensees versus the "number of licenses issued."

With this in mind, I urge the Commission to oppose lifetime license grants for licensees in the amateur radio service.

Thank you,
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