

The elimination of the CW requirement for a HAM license was the best thing ever done to promote HAM radio.

But this does NOT mean the mode is no longer needed or wanted! I've only been licensed for 16 years and over the last 1 years I've started learning CW and find it to be fun and extremely useful! This is a feeling shared by many on the bands and doing anything to discourage this mode would be WRONG.

There are lots of people learning and re-learning CW and we should do everything to support and promote the MANY MANY hours these people are investing to learn this mode. I for one spend 20+ hours a week practicing CW and making contacts!

Please do not approve this proposal because I feel CW is the most effective mode available for communication in any situation.

DO NOT LET ANYONE TELL YOU THAT CW IS GOING AWAY! MANY OLD AND NEW OPERATORS ARE STILL ON THE AIR!

Thank You,

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