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Subject: Comment Regarding RM-11760 - Proposed changes to 47 CFR Part § 97.25
License term

Commissioners:

I find the current 10 year renewal cycle as it is on this date to be very reasonable and am NOT in favor of the changes proposed in RM-11760 amendment.

The first item is the 10-year cycle provides a minimal level of security in that it provides a check to see if the owner is still an active Amateur Radio Operator, has not passed away and/or has just become inactive. If a person has passed away, it allows a reasonable time for a family member to recover the assigned call sign if they choose. After the grace period, and if no interest in keeping a call within a family, it is made available to the licensed Amateur community.

In this political climate, some believe that cutting everything is good. In this case, I believe there is the possible elements of laziness, anti-bureaucracy-everything belief, and those that do not want to pay for anything within the Amateur community. This is NOT a good thing.

Locking up a call sign forever would eventually create a shortage of current and shorter call signs. This would cause the commission to have to extend the length of call signs in order to keep up with demand. Making a call sign longer has its disadvantages and would not be desirable unless demand exceeded actual supply. Recycling call signs is a good thing and is NOT a burden.

I also, along with other Amateurs who care, urge the Commission to keep the current rules as they are and deny the approval of RM-11760.

Thank you for your consideration

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