

Dear FCC:

I appreciate the desire that you have in streamlining the licensing of amateurs using the amateur service. I have found the structure of licenses to be confusing and difficult to understand. I have also found that the code requirement has been an obstacle to recruiting newcomers to the service. Along with others in the service I applaud the commissions simplification, I would like to see the code requirement relaxed to encourage greater participation of our nation's young people. I agree with the plan to phase out the Novice Class license. I also believe that entry level into the HF bands should be made available to those who can pass the 5 wpm code test. Two code speeds seem to be enough to satisfy the needs of the amateur community.

speeds do not serve a purpose necessary to the amateur service. The higher code speed could be set to 13 wpm and the lower entry level speed should be 5 wpm. The General class code speed should be the lower speed and the Advanced and Extra licensees should have the higher speed. The licenses should be no more than four: a no-code license and privileges on VHF and UHF, a

General license with HF, VHF, and UHF privileges and 5 wpm code speed, and Advanced with wider spectrum in HF, as well as VHF, UHF, and an Extra Class License with still wider HF spectrum and the other bands. Both the Advanced and the Extra licenses should have the higher code speed.

Finally, thank you for your administration of the service. I believe it would benefit the FCC to involve more amateurs in rule enforcement. This program could be administered by amateurs in the service in much the same way that VEC exams are today.

Thank you for receiveing my comments.