

" In the matter of 1998 biennial Regulatory Review--Amend of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143"

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Magalie Roman Salas, FCC Secretary
Office of the Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Magalie Roman Salas :

I would like to comment on the Proposed Rule making for streamlining the licensing structure that is being proposed by the FCC. I've only just recently got my Technician License KD5DDY. I have been a radio listener for years with a receiving station only. I very much wanted to get my ham ticket, but due to a hearing problem with one ear I could not hear the "CODE" very well and many of the "old" hams would not allow any slack on testing. I know that I could have gotten a doctors slip and got a medical but the "ham" community frowns on this. I hope with all may heart that the FCC does away with the "MORSE CODE" altogether!!!

I would like to upgrade but I just can not get the code down with a hearing problem. This hearing problem does not impair my teaching in the classroom. But working with dots and dashes and hearing the code , I just can not get even the five words per minute. I would like to use the ham radio in my classroom to open up the world to my kids. Many, many fine people would like to have a hobby like ham radio, but due to the "Code" requirements they have similar problems. ARRL seems to be little help on this matter. I hope and pray that the FCC will do away with the code altogether and make the air ways for ALL people, not just a few. I hope you have a fine day and god bless, and thanks so much for reading this replay! I hope this is the correct format for my viewpoint or position on the above rule making policy.

Very Truly yours,



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