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In Re: WT Docket 98-143"

To Whom it may Concern;

I am totally OPPOSED to the elimination of code testing as part of the procedure to receive an amateur radio licence.

The amateur bands are already in very sad shape due to the lax testing procedures now in place, and the total lack of any rules enforcement by the concerned entities. We have "radio bulllys", obscene language, citizens band operators usurping frequencies in the 10 meter band, {totally illegal !} and general "radio rage". This is all due to the above mentioned facts, and will only worsen with an "easier" way to get into ham radio. Receiving a license should be an EARNED privilege, not a natural right as so many seem to think in this day and age.

I realize that the proposed "fix" is mainly driven by commercial manufacturers of amateur gear, and the quest by the ARRL to garner more membership. The past attempts (incentive licenses, etc.), have totally failed to produce the above mentioned effects, and have only produced a crowd of "CB mentality" types on the amateur bands.

I hope that you will resist any attempts to "dumb down" the license procedure, and do the right thing instead of being influenced by marketing pressures.

Thank You for listening

I am:

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