

I just wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed streamlining of the Amateur Radio Licensing structure. I think it works great the way it is because it helps to weed out people who aren't serious about Amateur Radio but just want to use the Ham frequencies. I'm afraid that by doing such things as dropping the Morse code speed requirements from 20 wpm to 12 wpm it will be opening the service the unwelcome and unsavory characters into the frequencies allotted to amateur use. It seems to me that if compromise continues, then the Amateur Radio service will end up just like the Citizens Band. Full of pirate radio and vile radio practices... Please reconsider this action and if anything, increase such things as Morse code requirements. Other countries require even 35 wpm code proficiency... I'm not suggesting we make it harder to obtain High class Amateur Radio licenses, but at least don't make it easier than it already is.