

I would like to express my support for portions of the Wormser, Adsit & Dinelli Petition. I have been employed as an engineer in the electronics or computer industry for the last 25 years and have been licensed as a no-code technician for 6 years. While I believe Report and Order 99-412 is a major improvement in amateur licensing, I have serious concerns on two points raised by the petitioners.

First, if the petitioner's interpretation is correct, and there is no requirement for the Technician and General class question pools to be of a technical nature, I believe this is a step in the wrong direction. Licensees who lack understanding of basic science and technology of radio will lead to increases in poor operating practice, and perhaps more importantly, these individuals will not be inclined to embrace the experimenter / educator role of amateur radio which I believe has been of great benefit to society. Instead, I would support questions of a technical nature, but not set at such a high level to encourage memorization --the questions should be designed to promote an understanding of basic electronics / radio theory and hopefully spark an interest for further study.

Second, lack of a waiting period for retaking a test after failing can only promote memorization of the material as opposed to understanding of the fundamentals. For the same reasons expressed above I believe there should be a reasonable waiting period to encourage the individual to review the study materials before taking a re-test.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

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