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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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To the Commission:

**Re: RM-10018, Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to Allow Increased Frequency Privileges to Amateurs having Proficiency in Telegraphy in Accordance with the International Requirements**

1. I fully support RM-10018, filed by Mr. Joseph Speroni.
2. As a side-effect of the Commission's Amateur Radio Service restructuring, effective on April 15, 2000, holders of Novice and Technician Plus licenses have more difficulty interacting with higher class licensees on HF. Even under the new regulations, Technicians who pass telegraphy exam also obtain the old Novice HF privileges, so the problem will continue into the future.
3. RM-10018 corrects this problem.
4. In addition, I request that the Commission continue to reserve the Novice subbands for modern digital modes, and not expand the voice/image subbands. Note that my recommendation is also in accordance with the Commission's December 2000 Report and Order on Amateur Service restructuring.
5. Please amend 47 CFR Sec. 97.301 and 97.313 as requested in RM-10118.

Sincerely,

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