

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1953, starting in the Novice ranks, I wholeheartedly agree with the petitioner on his premises, contentions, and conclusions regarding the proposed rule-making.

Even at high activity periods, the "novice" CW portion of the 80 and 40 meter bands are very under-utilized. I see no reason to keep Novice and Technician (with code credit) Classes from using what is regarded as the "General Class" portions of the various bands. It would be good for all concerned and promote proficiency in the Morse code.

I would like to see the Commission approve RM 10018.

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