

Re: RM10868

I agree with a large portion of this plan such as the retention of the 5 wpm CW requirement for General and Extra class licensees, as well as the upgrading of Advanced class to Extra and Novice class to Technician.

I do not agree to the changes in testing procedure outlined in the proposal. I believe that by making the exam more difficult will not serve to further the hobby of Amateur Radio. The exam structure as it is allows those who are not electronics technicians to enter the hobby. Trough self teaching, elmering, experimentation and communication with others more technically knowledgeable, they increase their knowledge and advance into higher classes of licenses. If the commission approved this proposal, I strongly believe there would be a devastating result on the future of Amateur Radio. As of now, there is a great deal of occupational diversity in the amateur world. This should remain and increase through the years. An entry level license class should be exactly that, a doorway into the hobby for all to pass, not just electrical engineers and electronics technicians.

Does the Radio Amateur Foundation know my capabilities and the best method of schooling for me? I don't think so.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

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