

I am writing to you in the request that the Federal Communications Commission will reconsider the decision to remove the Morse Code Element 1a tests from the amateur radio licensing requirements. It is the opinion of this Amateur Radio Operator, call sign KB9IOU that the removal of the Morse Code exam will only lead to inexperienced amateur stations entering the HF bands and will lead to overcrowding and ill-practiced operating procedures. It is the opinion of this operator that removing the morse code exams will turn the HF Amateur Radio Spectrum into nothing more than a large Citizens Band full of overdriven radios, and no respect for the rules and regulations covering amateur radio use in the United States. I am not alone in my beliefs that removing the code exams will ruin the HF bands and essentially ruin ham radio in general. There are many other operators who feel as strongly as I do about the subject. I believe that the voices of the masses deserve to be heard in this case and that removal of the code exams should be delayed until the opposition to this decision can be fully investigated and any counter-solutions can be looked into.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you take the time to consider my comments.