

Dear Sir I am a Licensed Amateur operator call N8DIG I am pleased with your docket 98-143. The need for amateurs to pass a code requirement has passed. With the coming of digital communication information can be passed at far greater speed and with just as small a bandwidth and CW code. Granted I am personally pleased with not having to pass code requirments, but that is not the main reason I am pleased. I feel that with the average age of our operators we need to appeal to the younger generation, with them having cell phones and computers, they are interested in digital communications. And sending code will me a "turn off". We need to have new operators and you have opened the door for that to happen. Thanks Dan Gutwein