

To whom it concerns:

We have had an Amateur Radio License since late 1957 - Call K0QAG.

Under FCC Docket 05-143 you are considering eliminating the Morse Code requirement of our hobby.

You may want to consider the importance of Morse Code in our country. It may be true that this type of mode has been out dated by new types of communication....computers, cell phones, etc., etc.

What you fail to see is what would happen if our country is attacked (like "9-11") and we no longer have these highly technical "modes" that run our lives. Morse Code equipment can be set up and run from anywhere....even where conditions would not allow any other kind of communication. Even using "low power" ( milliwatts ) could get through emergency conditions. Amateurs are using "low power" equipment to get into Europe from the USA.

If you are interested in the safety of the public you may consider keeping the Morse Code requirement in Amateur Radio. It is true that some of the applicants for the hobby may never use Morse Code, but the "knowledge" is there. You never forget the Code. I, for one, did not use Code for twenty years....but I remembered it when I came back to it. Now, I use Morse Code heavily in my hobby.

Again, eliminating this form of communication would be a BIG MISTAKE!

Thank you for your time and hope this message gets to you.

73,

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