

I completely disagree with the premise of petition RM-10782. I do not support this petition.

As a Volunteer Examiner for over 10 years I gave the MORSE CODE test to hundreds of applicants. Although passing 13wpm and 20 wpm was a challenge for some, I never found that Element 1 was unpassable. Most told me they learned it in a weekend.

MORSE CODE is the one mode of communicating that always propagates no matter the band conditions. In times of emergency it has proven indispensable and should be retained.

America is a world leader because of its uniqueness. There is no apparent need to do away with MORSE CODE. MORSE CODE can and should co-exist with other newer technology. That has always been the heart and soul of Amateur Radio.