

To my FCC:

To be clear I am for keeping the code even if it is at a 5wpm rate. First it is the most reliable method of communication when all else fails..I realize that there are multitudes of whiners who want everything handed to them..I hear how hard it is, but that is an excuse. I've been a ham since 1981 and had to appear at FCC offices for my tests, not around the block at the club..I also was once on CB and we know what a mess that became..Yes the code is somewhat of a filter, not perfect by any means, but it does make you earn and value your license...Why must we give everything away????

Is 5wpm that hard? I think not...Next it will be no test! I for one would gladly pay a license fee IF the funds were used to keep our bands in better order....Each year, everything gets looser and looser, I really don't see why...Do we need that many more hams?? Check the phone bands on the weekend, not alot of room..Look at the trend, CB-No license-a mess, amateur radio-no more FCC testing, pick and pay for your own custom call no matter your location, no license fees, and now lets drop the code?? Where are we heading?? I believe I know but I did and still do enjoy the hobby..For now, at least...Thanks for allowing me my view, and again I request that you PLEASE keep the code AT LEAST at 5wpm.....

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