

Dear FCC--I am very strongly in favor of retention of the Morse Code requirement for Amateur General and Extra Class Licenses. CW communication is still the most reliable means of communicating via ham radio and has been extremely beneficial in emergency operations.

In addition, as many of us hams are, I am sick and tired of the "dumbing down" of ham radio licensing requirements. If this trend continues, amateur radio will become the zoo that CB radio has suffered from for all the years and essentially will be lost for conscientious radio operators. Thank you for your consideration in retaining the Morse Code Requirement for amateur radio licensing. Sincerely,

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