

RE: WT Docket 05-235

To Whom It May Concern:

I am against this NPRM. Morse code proficiency testing should not be eliminated without something to replace it. To do so would leave a vacuum. The written tests are too easy. The only real work in obtaining an amateur radio license in this country is learning Morse code. The United States is the only country that publishes its question pools. Anyone can go through the question pool two or three times and pass an amateur radio exam without learning a thing.

If code proficiency testing is eliminated, it should be replaced with more comprehensive written exams with no published question pools. Until the Commission is ready to require more comprehensive testing on theory, rules and regulations, I recommend no changes be made to the current licensing requirements for the General and Amateur Extra classes of license.

Respectfully Yours,

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