

Gentlemen,

As a licensed operator (W2MKB, I would like to support the petition to remove all requirements for Morse Code testing for Amateur Radio licensing. Although I recognize the advantages of the transmission mode, the mode is all but outdated given the current extensive use of computers and other more advanced modes.

The current NPRM has been sitting around for almost 2 years with little visible action on the part of the FCC. I urge the commission to take action on this issue (and the resulting changes to part 97 rules) in a more timely fashion. Many other countries that are less advanced have taken the time to incorporate the actions of WRC in a timely fashion. Please move this issue to a higher priority and set the stage for the most significant action in the Amateur Radio service this decade.

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