

I commend the Commission for revisiting this issue. I firmly believe the best interest of the Amateur Radio Service as well as our country would be better served by reinstating Morse code testing for the Amateur Extra class license. China recently demonstrated its ability to take out satellites. There may come a day that HF offers the only way to communicate long distances. On such a day a pool of trained cw operators may be worth their weight in gold. Another point I wish to make is WRC-03 left the code issue up to each country. Eliminating Morse code testing was not necessary to remain in compliance with WRC-03 as the title of your Report and Order 05-235 suggests.