

Dear Sirs:

I have been a Commission licensee since 1965, and currently hold the Amateur Extra CClass license, callsign K0RGR.

I am in favor of this proposal. I believe that amateur operator licenses should good for life. Once a person has successfully passed an examination for an amateur license, they should not need to retest for that same level of license.

Today, credit is given for some expired licenses, and not for others. This proposal would simplify the entire issue.

It would be to the benefit of the amateur radio service if we could retain more of those who have passed the examinations, and encourage those who have left the service to return. The nature of the amateur service is such that people tend to drift in and out of it over a lifetime.

The commission could continue to require renewal of station licenses as they deem fit. But earned operator privileges should be permanent unless the commission decides that retesting is needed for an individual or a class of operators.

Respectfully,

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