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To the RM Division ARRL officers:

Dear Director and Vice-Director:

I represent an ARRL Affiliated club of 25 years. In recent days we have read details about changes in ARRL policy-making and governance that trouble me. We know that you have already heard from many others who have articulated the issues in detail. We want to add our names to those seeking to reject certain proposed bylaw changes at the January 19 board meeting, reverse provision of the Code of Conduct, and reconsider actions against elected representatives who have been censured or whose candidacies have been blocked. Among the key issues we consider critical are these:

1. Rejection of the proposal to allow the President and certain Vice-Presidents to vote as Directors.

Director's voting power could be diminished.

2. Rejection or removal of any provision that allows expulsion of an ARRL member for causes without delineated criteria.

Your ARRL membership could be terminated for any reason.

3. Removal of any provision that allows expulsion of any Director, Vice-Director or Officer for bringing ARRL into disrepute without specific criteria.

Your elected Director could be censured for describing the new ARRL Code of Conduct.

4. Removal of any current or proposed provision that allows censure, removal or other discipline of a Director for revealing or openly

discussing views expressed at a Board meeting that are not consistent with the Board's action.

The new ARRL BoD Code of Conduct limits what you get to know.

5. Review and reconsideration of support for HR.555/S.1534 that, among other things, replaces HOA contractual limitations with federal rules that favor HOAs.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act was modified to favor HOA positions for undisclosed reasons.

6. Removal of any current or proposed provision that reduces member's ability to recall a sitting Director.

We support ARRL and have done so for a long time. It is important that the ARRL remain a solidly democratic, membership-based organization with principles of openness and accessibility through our elected Directors. We urge you to vote in accordance with our wishes and to move further toward revision of the Code of Conduct at or after the January 19 meeting.

Thank you.
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