

This just in from our ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG. On February 5 Representative Adam Kinzinger (R IL-16) registered an ARRL proposed bill, The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015. The bill has 12 co-sponsors which is considerably better than last fall. The bill is known as HR-1301.

Last fall, the bill was gaining momentum, but it wasn't acted upon before the House session ended last December. HR-1301 has more time to gain support.

That is why I am sending this email. This bill, if passed, would allow Amateur Radio operators to work with CC&Rs and not exclude them from erecting antennas and supporting structures. The ARRL is leading the way, working on our behalf, for the thousands of ham radio operators that face antenna restrictions where they live. ARRL members can be proud of their organization, and if you are not a member why not think about joining an organization that works on behalf of all of us.

Which brings me to the next point. The ARRL is working on our behalf, but we are the ARRL! Without its members, the ARRL would not be a strong voice. Now is the time to get HR-1301 on the House floor for debate!

In order to do so, our representative needs to hear from us! For most of our club's membership, Representative Rodney Davis (R IL-13) is our congressperson. Here is his contact information:

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Please, please, please contact Representative Davis. Even a simple message to the effect, "Representative Davis is my congressman and I urge him to co-sponsor HR-1301!" will do the trick.

Last fall, Representative Davis wrote that he'd look at the bill if it ever made it to the floor. Let's put the pressure on our representative to co-sponsor this bill so that it will make it to the House floor! Since this bill was introduced early on in this 2 year session, it stands a good chance!

Together we can do this!