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To whom it may concern: My wife and I are currently sailing in Mexico and plan to sail to Australia next year. We have been using ham e-mail for the last year from our boat and it has been of invaluable assistance in maintaining contact with our family especially as our daughter is getting married early next year. I strongly favor ham e-mail in Australia as it provides a sense of peace of mind since it makes it easy for us to keep in touch with our family, and makes it easy for them to know how we are doing.