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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Notice – Request For Updated Information And Comment on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations, WT Docket Nos. 07-250, 10-254*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 18, 2015, the Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”) met with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (“WTB”) and Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (“CGB”). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission’s consideration of hearing aid compatibility (“HAC”) requirements.

At the meeting, TIA summarized the positions outlined in its comments and reply comments¹ on the possible changes to the wireless HAC regulatory framework that were outlined in the Commission’s Public Notice.² Noting its support for the Commission’s goal of ensuring new products and services are accessible to people with hearing loss, TIA discussed its views on expanding the scope of wireless handset interfaces that fall within the scope of the Section 20.19 HAC regulations and the appropriateness of a 100 percent compliance regime for mobile wireless handsets. TIA emphasized the need for greater clarity on the specific problems with HAC warrant changes to the existing regulatory framework, and urged the Commission to adopt a notice of proposed rulemaking should it intend to make significant changes to the HAC regulations as this would ensure that there is a full record to understand and support any changes. Finally, TIA stressed the need for the Commission to work with its government partners, including the Food and Drug Administration, towards engaging all relevant stakeholders to ensure that consumers have greater access to information about the all components of the HAC equation to facilitate more informed device choices.

¹ See Comments of TIA, WT Docket Nos. 07-250, 10-254 (filed Feb. 5, 2015); Reply Comments of TIA, WT Docket Nos. 07-250, 10-254 (filed Feb. 20, 2015).

² See *Request for Updated Information and Comment on Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Regulations*, Public Notice, WT Docket No. 07-250, 10-254, DA 14-1688 (rel. Nov. 21, 2014).



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In attendance were: Avonne Bell, TIA; Brian Scarpelli, TIA; Paula Boyd, Microsoft; Ann Marie Rohaly, Microsoft; and Chuck Eger, Motorola Mobility. Attendees from the Commission were: Robert Aldrich, CGB; Chad Breckinridge, WTB; Michael Janson, WTB; Eli Johnson, WTB; Michael Rowan, WTB; and Karen Peltz Strauss, CGB.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules,³ this letter is being electronically filed via ECFS and a copy of this submission is being provided electronically to the meeting attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.