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Improvements to Benchmarks and Related Requirements Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets WT Docket No. 15-285

Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets WT Docket No. 07-250

I want submit my support for the need of hearing aid compatible telephones and strongly object to the petition by Apple https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-15-155A1.pdf

Wireless telephone makers such as Apple (or Samsung or any other MFR) should not be allowed to label cellphones hearing devices that are NOT directly compatible with world-wide universal telecoils (found in hearing aids and cochlear implants) "Hearing aid compatible".

This is not in the interest of the hard of hearing consumer who will be forced this way to purchase certain make hearing aids (or cochlear implants) simply because they also want to use an iPhone. I believe that every phone should also be capable of communicating successfully with the hearing aid telecoil. This maximizes the number of hearing aids that a HAC phone is compatible with, and allows consumers to more freely choose from among a variety of hearing aids that best suit their hearing loss needs. Most hearing aids equipped with telecoils, while only some are compatible with Apple's proprietary wireless protocol.

Respectfully submitted,

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