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January 30, 2001

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Report of *Ex Parte* Communication
ET Docket No. 00-221**

Dear Ms. Salas:

This notice is filed on behalf of the **Hearing Industries Association**, pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, to report that an *ex parte* meeting was held on January 30, 2001, attended by the following persons:

Karen Peltz Strauss and G. Sean White, Office of Disability Rights, FCC
Herbert Zeiler, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC
Lisa Gaisford and Thomas Derenge, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC

David Woodbury, Hearing Industries Association
Peter Tannenwald, Loretta J. Garcia, and Rachael Krueger (intern)
Irwin, Campbell & Tannenwald, P.C., Counsel to Hearing Industries Association
Brenda Battat, Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH)
Donna L. Sorkin and John Flanders, Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
and Hard of Hearing

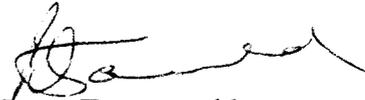
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's proceeding in **ET Docket No. 00-221**, and in particular, the impact that granting additional licenses and holding auctions would have on assistive listening devices (ALDs) that currently operate in the 216-217 MHz band. The discussion included the possibility of making ALDs primary spectrum users; whether past and currently planned auctions of spectrum in the 216-220 MHz band will satisfy the Commission's statutory obligation to auction spectrum released by the government; the relevance of the public safety statutory exemption from auctions; and the difficulty of finding other uses of the band that would be compatible with ALDs because ALDs must be usable anywhere with

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no notice, their location cannot be anticipated in advance by other users, and sources of interference usually cannot be identified by ALD users.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Tannenwald", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Tannenwald
Counsel for the Hearing Industries
Association

cc: All meeting participants (by e-mail)