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I wish to comment on the above FM Band Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

I was introduced to the FM listening equipment back in the early '80s but, did not fully understand how to use this equipment until I joined Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH) in '95. Without this equipment I would not have been able to go to meetings or social events and other places where I needed to understand what was being said.

I am an Older Adult who is currently attending College with the help of this equipment. This is not just for young school age children it's for every age group that has a hearing problem.

Please ensure that FM bands are generously available for those of us who cannot hear normally. We rely on technology and want to be a part of any topics such as this are discussed. We have an aging population with a higher preponderance for hearing loss at this time, and FM listening equipment will become more of a necessity than ever before.

Thank you sincerely,

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