

As a 52-year-old with a profound hearing loss, I frequently use FM assistive listening devices that allow me to hear in noisy environments, the movies, in classroom situations, guided tours, or when the speaker is at a distance from me. These systems use the FM Frequency Band 216-217MHz, which the FCC is contemplating releasing for sale. I rely on these FM systems to augment the comprehension that I get from my cochlear implant. It's a simple matter to plug my speech processor directly into an FM receiver and hear so clearly with it.

The FM systems that I have used – I own a Comtek model and have used Williams Sound and Sony systems – are essential to my functioning optimally in a hearing world. I URGE THE FCC TO RETAIN THESE FREQUENCIES FOR USE BY PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS.