

I am sending this comment on behalf of the membership of the American Council of the Blind with respect to Docket number 00-221.

We strongly request that the FCC not sell or otherwise negatively impact upon the ability of blind persons to effectively utilize the band width at 216 and 217 mhz which is made available currently for the use of video description systems and assistive listening devices for the deaf. Video description for the blind allows us to have visual information conveyed to us verbally at movie theaters and other settings and assistive listening devices for the deaf allows that community to access sound for their hard of hearing members. Both services are critical for both communities and cannot be put at risk by interference from commercial entities utilizing the same frequency.

Please let me know of the status of this issue since its importance is too critical for casual review.

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