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Dear members of the F.C.C.

We are sorry we have no typewriter or computer with which to communicate with you. We hope you will bear with us and read this hand-written letter.

It has come to our attention that the F.C.C. is considering selling FM Bands 216-217 MHZ. These frequencies which are absolutely essential for listening devices for the Hard of Hearing. Many of us cannot participate in meaningful social or educational programs without the help of the equipment using these frequencies

As young people of this generation grow older and lose their ability to hear because of the noise pollution which surrounds us all, you need to consider these bands as an investment in technology today as well as in the future. Most of the equipment we have now would be rendered inoperable if these bands are sold There are many things which are more important than the money these would bring into the treasury. If you can project your view into the future, you will see that this is a

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"penny-wise pound foolish" sale.

Loss of hearing and the lack of the availabety of assistance devices leads to isolation, depression and becomes a medical problem which will only escalate as the population grows older.

Please do not sell these 216-217 MHz frequencies.

Sincerely yours

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