

In 1919, in the year I was born, little or nothing was known about hearing loss. Probably caused by an attack of measles that my Mother had when she was carrying me.

My school years were horror stories and I sincerely hope no hard of hearing child will ever again go through that much trauma.

Now, in 2001, children have access to cochlear implants, good hearing aids, FM RECIEVERS, and if the family is wealthy, real-time captioning. These wonderful technology offerings are producing children who can excel in academic studies and become intelligent, educated adults contributing to the world with their knowledge and talents.

Now, after 82 years of learning how much a good hearing aid and an FM personal reciever can enhance the quality of my life and savoring every bit of it, we are hearing about a proposal to reallocate 27 megahertz of spectrum. I am concerned about the 216-217 MHz service, using the low Power Radio Service.

Someone is bound to return the hard of hearing people back at least 82 years. This would be a disaster, not only to the school children but to hard of hearing people of any age.

For many reasons I am NOT IN FAVOR of the reallocation of the 216-217 MHz

Thank you for your consideration,

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