

The auctioning of 216-217 MHz is going to hurt a lot of people. Especially those who have purchased the FM boots for their aids to at a cost of around \$2000 The manufacturers of ALDs and hearing Aid manufacturers have invested much money and effort to develop equipment in this band and also in their inventory. The range of the equipment operating in the 216-217MHz is greater than in the lower frequency band,72-76mz, which is also plagued with interference. Reallocating the 216-217 frequency band would cause me considerable difficulty and expense if other users were allowed to use it. The original reasons for authorizing this band are as valid now as they were when the band was authorized.

It is sincerely requested the the FCC remove these frequencies from those that are to be sold at auction to protect schools, court, movies theatres, etc. that are using these frequencies to assist HOH persons to hear better as well as individuals who have invested in FM boots for their hearing aids to allow wireless microphones to be used at great advantage to speech understanding.

It is further requested that LPRS be elevated to Primary Status from its present Secondary Status. Doing so will eliminate interference From Fixed Services (FS) resulting in the manufacture of more units which will result in lower costs to the Hard of hearing user.

Respectfully submitted.

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