

Please consider my comments regarding the auction of FM frequency bands 216-217. I am profoundly hearing impaired. I have a cochlear implant and wear a hearing aid in my other ear. I use a personal FM system to participate in meetings, lectures, classes and listen to TV. Without the FM assistive device I would not have been able to function on my job for the five years that I used the device. Since retirement, I spend many hours doing volunteer work, attending classes, lectures, meetings and visiting museums, and theaters. Without the use of an FM system, I could not participate in these activities. I also use it in noisy environments, when my implant and hearing aid are not adequate. Thousands of people with hearing loss depend upon FM systems to function more fully in mainstream society. Thousands more will be using FM systems as technology is brought to more people who do not know of this vital tool as yet. This is essential to many who require it, not only to improve the quality of their life but to enable them to earn a living. I urge you to cancel the proposed auction of FM frequency bands 216-217 MHz.

Sincerely,

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