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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Members of FCC,

My name is Jonathan Sondergeld, and I am fifteen years old. I am a sophomore at Ida High School. I am in the Monroe County Program for the Hearing Impaired. I'm currently attending a school with a majority of hearing people and a very small group of hearing-impaired students. However, I am mainstreamed in all classes except for English, literature and American history. I use a FM unit for all my classes to obtain information from teachers. When I heard about the decision by the government to sell frequency bands reserved for the FM equipment, I became extremely upset.

Let me explain my reasons. First of all, if it were not for the FM equipment, I would have never learned to talk. I believe that there WILL be hearing impaired children in our future that must be reached through the FM equipment. I believe that learning to talk unlocks the thoughts, feelings and hidden potential within themselves. I believe that learning to talk may better express these feelings.

Secondly, I rely on a lot on my FM equipment to provide me with information in my classes at school. I wear hearing aids in the times I am away from school, but if I would wear them in classes, I would miss out on a lot of vital information. I am ranked fifteenth out of a hundred and twenty-one students, without curved grades from an IEP. I would have never been able to reach this high rank without the FM equipment. My friend is ranked second in the same class. She definitely will reign as Valedictorian or Salutatorian of the entire mixed deaf and hearing class.

In conclusion, I believe that private frequency bandwidths reserved for the FM equipment should not be sold. I think many hearing impaired students will prove that the FM equipment is very valuable to their education. There are still a large number of deaf and hearing impaired people and more to come that will need to use these frequency bandwidths for their FM equipment. Please, do not sell these frequency bandwidths. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Sondergeld, Student
Ida High School