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TO: FCC

RE: Stop sale of 216-217 bandwidth

I request that the sale **not** take place. As an audiologist I work with infant, toddler, and preschool children with hearing impairments and their families. The ramifications of hearing loss in babies and young children is significant as they have to develop listening and speech skills. These difficulties require the application of the best technology we can offer to help these children develop to their best potential. Most children with hearing loss use personal FM wireless receivers with their hearing aids in their school classroom, and many children use personal FM wireless receivers tuned to the transmitter worn by a parent. I have experienced interference from outside sources in our classrooms with the old bandwidth available for these FM's (72-76 MHZ). The very young children I work with cannot tell us they are having an interference problem, they just will be very confused. Our newest technology personal FM transmitters/receivers use the 216-217 bandwidth to alleviate these interference problems--don't take this advantage away!

Respectfully submitted,

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