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Dear Ms. Salas,

I am writing to you in reference to ET Docket No. 00-221 in the Matter of Reallocation of the 216-217 MHz. My daughter, Marina, is in second grade and is mainstreamed at her local elementary school. She has hearing loss in both ears and wears two hearing aids, but, otherwise is a very smart little girl. She is able to learn along with her peers because she uses an FM system whereby the teacher's voice is directly transmitted to her hearing aids via FM signals. In her elementary school, there is also another child who uses an FM system for hearing loss. Thus, the FM systems have to be set at two different signals so that they do not interfere with each other. I am concerned that you would even consider selling the 216-217 MHz band. My daughter will be going to large middle and high schools, where there undoubtedly will be other children using FM systems. I cannot understand how you plan for my daughter and other students to use FM systems, if you take away the frequency band that they use. If you sell the frequency band allocated for the use of assistive listening devices, in fact, you are taking away my daughter's hearing during the school day. The FM system is crucial to my daughter's success in school. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

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