

As an hearing-impaired student, I am again saddened that, once again, the needs of the hearing-impaired community are being ignored. What I fail to understand is why an auction is even being considered for the 216-220 MHz bandwidth. This bandwidth has been an essential part of the development of auditory trainers (hearing assistment devices, etc.), and I personally know the aggravation that ensues from frequency interference.

In the freshmen year of high school, I was offered to use a new auditory trainer that would allow me to hear 90% of the sounds that occur with impeccable clarity. This device ranked at the highest levels of clarity, comprehension, and comfortability that I have ever tested. Nothing compared to it. Finally, There was a device that I could use to help me through high school.

But there was a problem that could not have been tested in the audiologist's office, interference from the modern-day devices that are in schools. Unfortunately, my new auditory trainer had to compete with other devices working at the same frequency. What furthured the problems was that the auditory trainer was only allowed to operate at such a low power level, that the other devices operating at higher power levels, some legally, some illegally, interfered with my auditory trainer to the point that it became detrimental to my education. Finally, i had to downgrade to another device which was allowed to work at a higher