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Commission's Secretary  
Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington D.D. 20554

ET Docket  
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Dear Magalie Roman Salas:

Please do not auction off or sell the frequency bands 216-217 MHz which had originally been set aside for the use of FM systems for the education of children with hearing loss. This is one of the frequency bands that is allocated for the use of assistive listening devices which is so important in the learning process of everyone who has difficulty hearing. Hearing aids do not always meet your hearing needs in a classroom, especially when you are listening to an instructor in a large classroom, outside noisy distractions or who talks softly. With FM systems you literally have the person sitting on your shoulder talking directly into your ear. What a marvelous miracle to be able hear every word a teacher is saying even when they are walking away from you towards the back of the room.

Hearing loss is often accompanied by a feeling of isolation, despair, shame and profound frustration. Millions of Americans are asking the FCC not to shut us out and especially for the children who are so eager to learn but cannot hear well without using an FM system.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely yours,



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