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If Congress and the Federal Communications Commission auction any frequency bands now allocated to personal FM systems, it will wreak havoc on my life--and the lives of thousands like me!

I have a profound hearing loss but with a powerful hearing aid and my FM system, I am able to function as a hard of hearing person. I was thus able to work an additional 15 years. It continues to be essential to communication in all health care settings.. It enables me to hear in church, listen to television, and volunteer with not-for-profit organizations. With the FM I communicate with my daughters, grandson, family ; and friends. My life, without the FM, would be dreary, solitary, dependent on others for every life transaction.

The lives of hundreds of thousands of the 26 million hard of hearing people--hard of hearing and deaf students at every educational level, would be affected. as would wage earners who are still productive. Indeed, it would cut off health care for thousands, who would no longer be productive in the job market, and would put many more, including me, on welfare.

Surely, President Bush, does not wish to mar his compassionate, conservative agenda by destroying the lives of hard of hearing people,

Please urge congress to reject this ill conceived debt-reduction plan.

Sincerely,



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