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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Report of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication
WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this is to report that an *ex parte* oral presentation was made today, on behalf of the **Hearing Industries Association** ("HIA"), at which subject matter at issue in the above-captioned proceeding was discussed. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Meeting #1:

Office of the Chairman	-	Bryan Tramont
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau	-	Mindy Littell Patrick Forster Joel D. Taubenblatt
Office of Engineering and Technology	-	Julius P. Knapp
Hearing Industries Association	-	Carole M. Rogin, Executive Director Peter Tannenwald, Counsel Representing HIA members: Ronald Scicluna, Etymotic Research Michael Sacha, Starkey Laboratories

The principal subject of these meetings was the suitability of ANSI Standard 63.19 (the "Standard") for evaluating the performance of wireless telephone handsets and hearing aids in

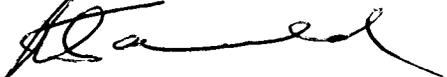
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terms of avoiding interference from handsets to hearing aids. HIA indicated, as it has before, that while there may be room for future refinement of the Standard, that standard is valid today and does not require further "validation" prior to its use. The testing procedure is not unduly difficult, and the results are repeatable.

The meeting participants discussed what kind of information could be provided by hearing aid manufacturers to hearing aid dispensers and/or consumers to advise them of the probability that a particular model or class of hearing aid would be likely to achieve compliance with a specific level of the ANSI standard, even if no representation can be made, on a label or otherwise, with respect to an individual hearing aid. Without conceding the Commission's legal jurisdiction to impose any regulatory requirements on hearing aids, HIA stated that it would shortly file a letter indicating what kind of information it believes could be disseminated without potentially misleading consumers or risking creating false expectations.

In response to a question by the Staff, HIA representatives stated that HIA represents manufacturers of more than 90% of the hearing aid units currently being sold in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,



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Industries Association

cc: (by e-mail) all meeting participants