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

**Re: Report of *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* meeting was held on May 31, 2005, attended by the following persons:

For the **Hearing Industries Association ("HIA")**:

Carole M. Rogin, Executive Director
Peter Tannenwald, Irwin, Campbell & Tannenwald, P.C., Legal Counsel

For the Commission:

Angela E. Giancarlo, **Wireless Telecommunications Bureau**
Julius P. Knapp, **Office of Engineering and Technology**

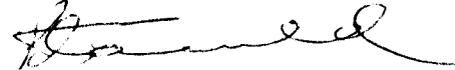
The discussion at this meeting primarily involved reports by manufacturers of cellular telephone handsets that they are having difficulty complying with the hearing aid compatibility ("HAC") rules adopted in this proceeding for GSM handsets operating in the 850 MHz band. HIA stated its belief that the GSM problem was not newly discovered and was well understood at the time that the ANSI C63.19 standard was being developed. HIA urged that the Commission not to unduly delay HAC compliance by the GSM air interface, which is heavily used by the public and is growing over time. HIA will comment in more detail when and if a formal petition is filed for any rule waiver or deadline extension.

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HIA also urged that relief be granted for the TDMA air interface only if it is clearly demonstrated that only a small percentage of cellphone users subscribe to TDMA services.

Finally, HIA underscored the 40 dB in improvement in hearing aid immunity to interference in recent years and repeated a point it has made in the past that the cellphone/PCS industry must be required to do their full part in eliminating the HAC problem for hearing aid users in a timely manner, as required by statute.

Respectfully submitted,



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