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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Williams Sound Corp. Petition for Declaratory Ruling, ET Docket No. 10-26

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to express our strong support for Williams Sound Corporation's Petition for Declaratory Ruling requesting FCC clarification that the Part 15 auditory assistance device rules permit use in support of simultaneous language interpretation.

Common sense tells us that hearing loss is not limited to one language group. Any transmitting system used to distribute languages also serves as a hearing assistance system. Any transmitting system used for auditory assistance could also be used for language interpretation, without requiring additional equipment operating in a different frequency band.

If more than one language is being spoken, each language group may have individuals with hearing loss and therefore a transmitter may be legally operated for the benefit of even a single person in that language group. Once the transmitter is legally operating, it makes no practical difference how many other people listen to the broadcast.

I believe that by failing to allow language interpretation under the Part 15 rules, the only people who would benefit from this would be a few individuals and companies like Mr. Kier Milan's, who owns "International Conference Systems (ICS)" in Burbank, CA. ICS had been exclusive distributor for the sale and rent of Bosch (formerly Philips) conference equipment in the West coast for many years. Bosch manufactures very expensive Infrared (IR) simultaneous interpretation equipment. ICS, under the ownership of Kier Milan, who is fervently against Williams Sound position on the petition for Declaratory Ruling, ET Docket No. 10-26, still possesses a large quantity of these very expensive IR that only a select group of business people could acquire. These so called "advocates" for 72-76 Mhz, only aim at enlarging their pockets and maintaining an hegemonic position in this market, which works to his advantage but to everyone else's disadvantage, including the community as a whole, thousands of houses of worship, governmental entities, non-profit organizations, individuals and companies that already provide multi-language hearing assistance together with language interpretation with affordable 72-76Mhz devices.

Sincerely,
Stuart Smith