

My name is Harry and I would like to comment on Section 255 Cell Phone Accessibility -- CG Docket No. 10-145. I am consider Deaf-Blind, which mean that I am Hearing impaired and leagaly blind. I wear hearing aids that aid me in being able to hear in the hearing world. I have Usher Syndrome, which is like RP except that you have the deteration of the eyes as well as the hearing. With today technology advancing as fast at it is, we kind of fall through the crack.

I am not able to drive, so I depend on public transportation and I use my cell phone to find out when the bus is coming, where the nearest bus stop, what buses stop at this stop if the bus does not have Braille sign posted at bus stop, where my special transit ride, or I might need to call a taxi to bring me home. These are just a few thing that having a cell phone come in play. With having the access we can communicate in the seeing and hearing world.

Right now I have AT&T, and my phone is due to be replace, but they cannot offer me a phone that is both hearing aid compatibles and blind friendly. I can get one that hearing aid compatible, but not blind friendly or I can get one that is blind friendly, but not hearing aids compatible. When the came out with the new Iphone, I thought finally I will have a phone that word. Well guest what the Iphone are blind friendly, but not hearing aid compatible. I am finding out the phone that use to work for me are no longer being made and phone company are not even trying to devolpe phone that would help us. I have been to the AT&T store and the sale people really want to help me, but they tell me that all they can suggest is try a phone to see if it work. I will not do this, because it lock me into a contract for two years and I kept hoping that someone will come out with something that word for Deaf-blind people. I hate having this problem, but it is what it is.

I hope that ya?ll will be able to help us, because big business are not wanting to spend the money to kept us in tune with the world. I sometime think that they wish we would not be heard or seen, but we are a part of the humane race also. We may be few, but shouldn?t we have the same right as everyone else?

Thanks You for Your help and feel free to contact me anytime if you need to ask me any question. Which is probably not going to happen, because most people just let us vent our frustration and let that be it. At least that how the phone company do it!

Thanks You,

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