

I would like to thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns about the accessibility of cellular phones.

I hope that one day all phones will have accessibility built into all functions of these phones, and not just one or two levels of menus, but all the menus and functions.

In order for me to sync my calendar and contacts with my cell phone I needed to purchase a "Smart phone" that I could use a specialized screen reader with. A year and a half ago I did this. All was just fine until I upgraded to Windows 7. I then had a phone that would no longer sync with my calendar and contacts as the manufacturer never updated drivers on the phone. I was then required to go out and get another phone. I chose the I-Phone because it has the accessibility built in to its system. In doing so the new "Smart Phone" requires a "data plan." So now I am forced to pay an additional \$15 per month in order to have accessibility to my calendar and contacts. I do not need or truly want the "data plan" but in order for me to have complete access to my phone and know I have a phone that will not leave me high and dry when there are new upgrades, I must pay for a phone that requires this more expensive plan.

If all phones had the proper level of accessibility I would not need to be saddled with this more expensive "data plan."

So in conclusion, please require that phones have built in accessibility to all functions and features.

This not only helps the blind, but the sighted.

This feature is one that will be of value as sighted people use their phones "hands free" while driving, in using the GPS features on these phones, etc.

Thank you for including my comments and concerns in the records for this docket.