

I am a blind senior writing regarding CG Docket No. 10-145. My name is Alice George and the primary problem with my cell phone is my inability to access its features, especially reading menus and reading the screen. Other than smart phones, few cell phones will interface with speech programs to make the phone accessible to the blind. Cell phones which will interface with speech programs are the high end and most expensive cell phones. At my age, I am not very interested in text messaging my family and friends; however, I do want to use any cell phone I choose like my sighted peers do. This means installing an easy use and comprehensive speech program on every cell phone sold in this country. Speech programs for phones are inexpensive and the technology is already available.

My request to the FCC is that it require every cell phone manufacturer to install a speech program on every cell phone manufactured and/or sold in the U.S. The phone user has the option to use or not use the speech feature. This simple and inexpensive requirement would "open up the world" to millions of blind and visually impaired persons. To me, having an accessible cell phone that I can use with ease should be a basic given human right.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

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