

It is bizarre to me to suggest that e-readers should be exempt from accessibility requirements for the visually impaired. There is no obvious reason why visually impaired people should not be able to access books on an e-reader through increased innovations such as EPUB3 and better voice-to-speech technology. The Coalition is essentially asking for permission to halt innovation so that they do not have to spend money on improving their e-readers and further expanding their customer base. As well, at least one member of the coalition sells tablet devices as well as e-readers, and therefore has a vested interest in pushing their visually impaired customers to buy a much-more-expensive tablet instead of an e-reader. This petition seems very clearly motivated by greed and a sense of entitlement on the part of the Coalition. Please do not aid them in their desire to make more money at the expense of an already marginalized population who they could otherwise be helping.