

To Whom it May Concern,

We have grave concerns over the resistance by Amazon et al to making their devices accessible for people with disabilities. The companies are marketing to all educational systems to implement e-readers as a cost saving measure. At this point in time access is provided after the fact and individuals with disabilities must wait for equal access once disability services or special education has altered the existing materials. Unfortunately the corporation Amazon already has a poor track record in regards to accessibility through their Prime membership services not being captioned and therefore not accessible to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. The Chaffey amendment requires individuals with disabilities to purchase the item being used in the classroom. If a consumer has no choice in where to buy the product then the only way to utilize the item is to require the corporations to follow the intent of the law. The law does not allow educational systems to request an exception and corporations who market to educational systems should be held to the same standard.