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Kris Monteith
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445 12th Street SW
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Re: Reply to the Coalition of E-Reader Manufacturers' Petition for Waiver from CVAA Accessibility Requirements, CG Docket No. 10-213

Dear Ms. Monteith:

I, as a blind individual, definitely support this initiative. I have been an avid reader all of my life. Anything I can do to help myself and other blind people gain access to reading material is crucial. Reading opens new horizons and expands economic and social opportunities for everyone and blind people should not be excluded from these benefits afforded by a wider access to reading material, whether that be electronic text or hard copy print books.

I strongly oppose the Petition for Waiver submitted by the Coalition of E-Reader Manufacturers', requesting that e-readers be exempt from the Twenty First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA).

I strongly urge the FCC to reject the Coalition's petition and uphold the spirit of the CVAA. E-readers and the ACS features found in that equipment must be made accessible and granting a waiver would perpetuate the digital divide and discrimination in the marketplace that I face every day.

Sincerely,

James Konechne