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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of the Hearing Loss Association of America Albuquerque Chapter in support of proposed legislation that, when enacted, will enable people with hearing loss to have greater access to communication accommodations in public places.

The proposed legislation would require licensed audiologists and hearing instrument specialists to inform each patient about hearing aids that work with assistive listening systems that are compliant with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design adopted by the United States Department of Justice in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities, 42 U.S.C.

Assistive listening systems are considered reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Public facilities are often large, noisy and do not carry sound well. This means that persons with significant hearing loss, when attending events in the facility, will be in need of assistive listening systems to allow them to understand and participate appropriately in events.

Hearing aids are assistive devices, not corrective devices, and persons making the purchase need counseling and advice on how to maximize the benefit of hearing aids. It is our perspective that this legislation will enhance the opportunity for consumers to obtain the best possible information on the use of hearing aids and assistive listening systems.

Thank you for your consideration.


The Hearing Loss Association of America Albuquerque Chapter Board



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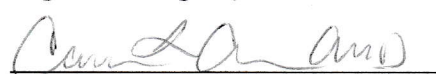

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