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Subject: Hearing Loops and Telecoils

Committee Members:

I am writing to express the importance of legislating that hearing aid providers inform their consumers about the benefits of telecoils and hearing loops.

I am 71 years old and have been hearing impaired for most of my life. The technological advances in assistive devices for the hearing impaired that have been made in my lifetime have been incredibly valuable to my well being and to my increased ability to be part of my community.

I am concerned that a recent survey by the Committee for Communication Access has shown that many hearing aid users have not been informed about the benefits of telecoils and hearing loops. With the aging of the Baby Boomers there is a likelihood that the number of hearing impaired people will significantly increase. I would like to think that everyone who is hearing impaired would be informed of the options they have for enhancing their ability to hear better in different situations.

Thank you for your attention to this.

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