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To whom it may concern:

My name is Thyra Heger and I am writing in regards to the new ruling being considered concerning counseling in regards to "t" coils to those buying hearing aids. I am in support of the Committee For Communication Access's suggested to changes in the wording of this ruling. It is quite apparent that the counseling will more likely occur if the suggested wording is used.

I am a retired Audiologist from the El Paso Regional Day School for the Deaf. I cannot put the CCCs by my name as I have dropped my membership from the American Speech and Hearing Association thus no longer pay dues. I might; however add that I do have a progressive hearing loss and have been blessed to live through a time where the only hearing aids were body worn and were simple amplification devices to now with so much more available technology. The technology which has most benefited me has been the simple use of the "t coil, first on my hearing aids and now on my processor for my Cochlear Implant.

I live in Las Cruces where, admittedly, there are not as many venues with loops as in the Albuquerque area. We do have a loop in my church. I believe that if more hearing aid users had the "t" coil, there would be more chances that more venues would have requests for loops. One place in town inadvertently let their loop be mangled because people simply did not know to ask about it.

Another thing that I might add is that most hearing aid wearers are senior citizens who travel as I have and have had chances of using my "t" coil while overseas.