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Dear Ms Jane Henney, M.D.

I understand that the FDA is asking to take away our right to purchase hearing aids without consulting a specialtist (and I use that word loosely). When I first applyed for hearing aids, I did consult one and I was told that I need one for each ear, at a cost of $1000.00 ea. Well! I bought them and now they lay in a drawer because I have since bought one aid for my bad ear from a mail order and have been wearing ever since with fine results. Insidentally; this new aid only cost me $325.00 and the noise level is so much better that sometimes I forget that I'm wearing it.

I know that you are trying to protect us from ~~some~~ unsavory characters but these specialtist rip you off, price wise.

They are all mostly made in China for a few bucks

Please cancel that idea of "exam first" because it is redicules.

Thank you

Sincerely yours

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