

February 28, 2000

Commissioner Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Attn: Ms Jane Henny, MD

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Dear Ms Jane Henny,

I have been advised by my hearing aid supplier that the Food and Drug Administration is thinking of requiring persons wishing to purchase hearing aids be examined by an audiologists or medical doctor.

A person can usually determine if he/she has a hearing loss and if the hearing aid he/she purchases, by mail, on trial, improves his or her hearing without an expensive examination which he/she does not feel is life threatening.

I have had hearing aids since 1975 and was always assured by the companies I dealt with, if I was not satisfied with the aid , I could return it for a full refund within a 30 day trial period.

All of my hearing aids were purchased by mail and I am completely satisfied with the service I receive.

Please don't let the government take away more of the peoples freedom to choose what is best and most economical for themselves.

Sincerely,

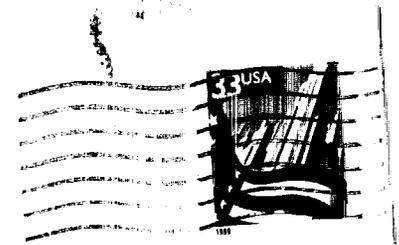
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