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Ms. Jane Henney, MD
Commissioner Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

It has come to my attention the there is and effort underway to legislate that it would be illegal to purchase hearing aids without seeing either an audiologists or a Doctor.

I definitely oppose this effort for the following reasons.

- Regardless of where hearing aids are purchased it poses no threat to the health of the individual.
- I feel that by having to purchase an aid from a Doctor or Audiologist would force an individual to pay more for that aid.
- Some individuals are not physically able to get to a Doctor or Audiologist for the tests that these providers deem necessary before a purchase can be made.
- Last I object to the government getting involved in the lives of people when there is no threat to the health of the individual.
- As an aside to my reasons above I am an individual that wears aids and have purchased them from an audiologist after an exam. Therefore I feel that I am looking at this effort objectively.

As you may know these providers mentioned tried to do this back in 1975 and again in 1993, and the FDA at that time ruled that it saw no abuses. I would hope that you would rule the same.

Thank you,



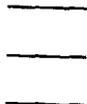
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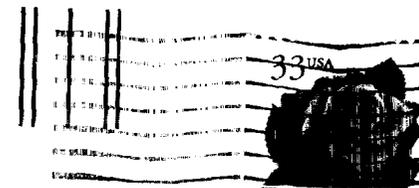
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