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

As you well are aware of, many elderly citizens are extremely hard of hearing and some of them have great difficulty accomplishing daily tasks. For these reasons we consider it imperative that such citizens be able to purchase hearing-aids and related products in an easy as possible manner as possible. For these reasons we are strongly opposed to legislation requiring a visit to a doctor for hearing-related diagnoses!

In addition to this, we are opposed to the increase in costs that this legislation will cause! Many elderly persons are already paying extremely high prices for medications and can hardly afford higher costs!

Thank you for reading this letter and we hope you can empathize with our situation!

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