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Dear Madam Secretary:

I am a very concerned senior citizen, I am appalled that after more than seven years of sitting on their thumbs, the FDA is now rushing to put forth a new proposal that would change the way seniors like me access hearing health care and the purchase of hearing aids.

Please stop the FDA from acting on this proposed "Hearing Aid Rule". I am positive you like me do not want to see any more barriers erected to hearing health care in this country. Here in the State of Texas, over 100,000 instruments per year are sold by certified and licensed hearing aid fitters with less than 50 complaints per year. I'm sure you will find similar results in other States.

Please let me know what you have done to stop the proposed hearing aid rule from being issued by the FDA. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

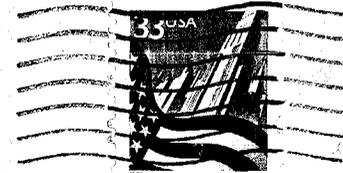
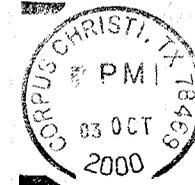


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