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Honorable Donna Shalala
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Dear Secretary Shalala,

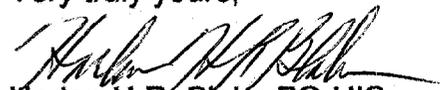
As a small business owner, employing 7 people, in a low population and low income demographic area in southern Colorado, I am writing you in regard to FDA's recent proposal regarding regulations governing the dispensing of hearing aids. Limiting access to the hearing impaired will not doubt increase the cost of hearing health care to millions of American seniors and others.

Please stop and carefully consider all aspects that this proposed rule will have on the nation's hearing impaired and the nation's small business hearing instrument specialists.

Please, also, ensure that any proposed rule meets the obligations of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.

Hearing impairment is a major health care concern in our country, please do not support any proposal that will impede access to hearing health care for millions of Americans.

Very truly yours,


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