Ms. Jane Henney, M.D.
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Ms. Henney:

It has been brought to my attention, that the Audiologists are now trying to have legislation passed, to outlaw acquiring hearing aids being purchased by mail order.

The writer is 87 years old, solely on a very small pension, Social Security, and Mediare, and requiring hearing aids. It is bad enough that the politicians in Washington, are trying hard to infringe upon my privacy, but now it is the Audiologists sticking their nose in my private life. If you were in my position financially, wouldn't you rather pay $300, instead of $1200-$1500?

Can you tell me why there should be this enormous difference in very similiar products? Yes, I can, the Audiologist probably pays what I do from the manufacturer, and pads his pockets with the difference of $900-$1200

I urge you take pity on an impoverist old man, and stop this raid.

Yours truly
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Dear Jim and Catherine

Thanks for the opportunity to mouth off to a Federal official.

Pardon my English, but I am sick and tired of the Federal Government telling me what I can, or can not do with my life. I am beginning to believe we are now living under an immoral dictatorship, and losing all our rights given to us by our Forefathers

I may not have many more years left in this world, but I do have grandchildren that will be faced with similiar governmental dictates, and I hope they challenge the dictators during their life span, and keep this Great Country free from radicals. That will be my dying wish to them.

Thanks again for the opportunity to speak my piece, and I wish you success in this battle, and I will speak in no uncertain terms to my Audiologist if he ever mentions this subject.

Yours truly
John M. Barrett

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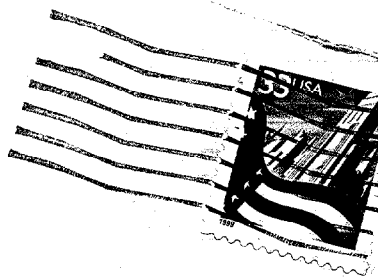

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