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Mrs Jane Henney
Commissioner Food & Drug Adm.
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I just became aware of having my freedom of rights threatened once again by Audiologists in forcing me to make an office appointment and a series of tests before I can purchase a hearing aid. This procedure will bring about an unduly physical problem for both the handicap and the elderly who are most prone in the loss of hearing to get to their office, and then spend the next two -three hours in waiting and being processed through a series of tests before they can order a hearing aid, and then have a four week wait before they receive it. This can be a most tiring experience.

According to the audiologist the life of a hearing aid is about 3 years. I received my first aid in 1992 at a cost of \$650., the second hearing aid cost from another audiologist was \$1000., and the one that I am wearing today the cost was \$435., and you can call them direct by telephone, no audiologist or doctor is needed. The Company guarantees the hearing aid fully for one year, and the service has been excellent. Of the experience I have had the Excel Hearing Company's product has been by far the best, and what one really likes is the costs in comparison to doctors and audiologists.

Commissioner Hanney, I sincerely hope that your office FDA will not take away my long standing Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court to decide for myself about my medical exams and treatment. Thank you very kindly, for your time and the attention to my letter.

Sincerely yours,
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