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Please consider closing loopholes that are preventing families of children with hearing differences to get the vital equipment and follow up care that they need. It is well researched and documented that without auditory access to information, these children fall behind in school, as well as become socially isolated. The burden of this, in addition to expenses not covered by insurance, falls on the parents who must make critical decisions about how to allocate family resources. As a Teacher of the Deaf, my job is to support these children and families on a daily basis. It is not easy work, especially when there are simple solutions that are not available due to loopholes in legislation. Please, please, do better for these families. These children will be writing your healthcare bills in the future. Let's give them a strong start. Thank you for your consideration.