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On Behalf Of:

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I have guardianship of my 2 grandchildren, they are 8 and 14. I have had legal guardianship for 6 years. My granddaughter, who is 8 has significant hearing loss from ear infections. Without this bill I would not be able to afford her hearing aids. I'm retired, on a fixed income.

My granddaughters hearing loss has effected her learning. With surgery and a hearing aid she has a chance to catch up and stay in school and be a productive citizen. That's what we need in our society!