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Subject: Please Support the Hearing Device Coverage Clarification Act!

S. 983

H.R. 1921

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[Senator/Representative Name]

[Title]

[Street Address]

Dear [Senator/Representative Name],

My name is [insert your name] and I am writing as your constituent to urge you to support H.R. 1921, or S.983, The Hearing Device Coverage Clarification Act. This bill clarifies that fully implanted active ear hearing devices are prosthetics and not subject to Medicare's hearing aid coverage exclusion. This means that these devices currently are not covered by Medicare. H.R. 1921/S.983 would reverse that decision so that is why I am asking you to cosponsor this important bill.

Because it was considered novel technology, FDA gave expedited approval to fully implanted hearing devices as prosthetics distinguishing them from simple hearing aids. But I can't access it today because Medicare calls this innovative technology a hearing aid. Hearing aids do not work for me, [add personal detail]. I am concerned about not being able to access technology to treat my hearing loss which helps me remain safe, healthy, and independent.

Fully implanted active middle ear implants are designed for people who do not benefit from hearing aids. They are surgically implanted without external components and do not use an external microphone. If Congress fails to approve H.R. 1921, or the Senate fails to approve S.983, I will not have the opportunity to access and obtain the hearing healthcare I need to stay self-sufficient and well.

I urge you to meet with Brent Lucas, CEO of Envoy Medical, to learn more about this bill. To schedule a meeting with Mr. Lucas, please contact Pattie DeLoatche (pdeloatche@sidley.com). It is my hope that you will support this important legislation.

To cosponsor H.R. 1921(s. 983) please contact Meghan Plotz in Representative Michelle Fischbach's office at Meghan.Plotz@mail.house.gov or Meghan Mullon in Representative Angie Craig's office at Meghan.Mullon@mail.house.gov.

Medicare beneficiaries with hearing loss are being denied access to technology and therapy that can greatly improve their quality of life. Cosponsoring will provide beneficiaries suffering from hearing loss the opportunity to hear better and live healthier, safer, and more independent lives.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Address]

[Phone and/or Email]