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WITNESS STATEMENT

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL SB-151

DO YOU: SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:
I have had 2 lens implants in my eyes & lenses covered by my insurance - but this hearing aide is not covered and it should be -

My daughter is now 41 yrs. old and thanks God we were able to afford hearing aides for her - However many many children cannot afford them.

I am former supt (retired) of the MSDB
I was at the school as principal & supt for 18 years -

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I have had a hearing aide for 12 years — not covered by insurance —
Technology has improved so much and hearing aids are not covered but cochlear implants @ a cost of Thousands is covered by insurance —
they give away cell phones & we elderly pay hundreds & thousands for a hearing aide only 40% of elderly people who need aids have them — I support this Bill.