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I wanted to contact you and share my support of House Bill 2994. As a teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (working with ages birth to 21), I have seen the devastating impact that happens for DHH children trying to access communication and their education without properly working hearing assistive technology. Many of these students live in rural areas that don't have pediatric audiology services locally. When insurance companies do not provide appropriate equipment, or deny coverage, or require multiple appointments for families, the cost in time and money is an extreme hardship for these families and directly impacts the efficacy of the services and opportunities available to them. This is an important bill, and I appreciate you taking the time to look into it.

Thank you,
Brooke Laughlin