

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MEREDITH ATTWELL BAKER**

Re: *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets, WT Docket No. 07-250.*

Today we have taken an important step to update our rules on hearing aid compatibility. We are acting to ensure that people across America who rely on hearing aids will be able to join those who already use the most advanced handsets that are driving the wireless broadband revolution. Informed through close consultation with a broad cross section of stakeholders, our approach balances the needs of the hearing impaired community with the need to promote and encourage investment and innovation in handsets. It is a significant achievement and a good result. I would like add my thanks to everyone for their hard work on this item.