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This is a Comment on the **Architectural and Transportation Barriers** Compliance Board (ATBCB) Proposed Rule: Information and **Communication Technology Standards and Guidelines**

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I'm submitting my comment to request the committee NOT to adopt WCAG 2.0 primarily because it is not sufficient accommodation for people with low vision. For this set of the population, text enlargement is important yet the WCAG success criterion that refers to this restricts enlargement to 200%. That's too small of an enlargement and to make matters worse, this criterion allows horizontal scrolling.

Restricting enlargement to 200% in a technology whose flexibility is limitless is unreasonable especially considering that the 200% enlargement is a number that accommodated publishers of printed books, not people reading documents on the web. Allowing horizontal scrolling is also detrimental as research has shown it is a usability error even for users with normal vision. Why then would this be accommodating to users with low vision?

Please do not adopt WCAG 2.0. Technology exists now that can present a web document in ways that avoid horizontal scrolling and which allow for larger enlargements. That's what you should be adopting.

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