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### Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

It is essential that the 508/255 refresh be finalized by the end of 2015.

The proposed standards replace the current product-based approach with a functionality-based approach.

The proposed technical requirements, which are organized along the lines of ICT functionality, provide standards to ensure that covered hardware, software, electronic content, and support documentation and services are accessible to people with disabilities.

I am blind. I and others in this situation continually encounter frustration when attempting to make use of numerous telecommunications devices due to inaccessible documentation, on-screen information and function controls. This reduces our independence. Often we are totally excluded from what is critical to functioning on an equal basis with others.

Equal access needs to be ensured for everyone regardless of disability! In our society, information distribution and presentation are becoming increasingly complex. Being able to make use of that information and associated devices is becoming increasingly critical.

Thank you for your consideration.

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