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Hello,

Ike Presley from American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), Janet Barlow from Accessible Design and Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy at AFB, have urged me to contact the Access Board and encourage passage of the new standards and guidelines.

After more than 15 years and a revolution in electronic and information technology, the U.S. Access Board has finally published its formal proposal to refresh the Standards and Guidelines intended to ensure the accessibility of much of the universe of so-called information and communication technology (ICT). The Standards are to be used by agencies of the federal government to comply with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Guidelines provide direction for telecommunications equipment manufacturers and service providers who must comply with section 255 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

I am over 65 years of age and am an advocate for those who have visual impairments/blindness. There is a tsunami of people turning 65 years old every day. We, the so-called baby boomers, are active and learning technology as well as losing our sight from age related illnesses. Please push forward the passage of this published set of standards and guidelines ASAP.

Sincerely,
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