

# Janice S. Lintz

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Dear Madam/Sir

Re: ICC A117.1 Comment

I support the proposed rule, except the proposal needs to expand.

1-Courtrooms should not have an exception since the US Supreme Court has an induction loop. People with hearing loss need to hear in courtrooms whether they are the Judge, litigant, witness, or attorney.

In NYS Supreme, the court's disability services shift assistive listening systems between courtrooms which is unacceptable. My daughter testified and didn't have an assistive listening system and couldn't hear since the Judge forgot to order it. My daughter risked not testifying if she insisted on an assistive listening system, so she struggled to hear during her testimony. Judges should not use access or the lack of access against someone or prevent someone from testifying.

2-All ticket windows or service counters should have induction loops and not just sports stadiums. Plexiglass windows at banks and ticket counters make it impossible for a person with hearing loss to hear. Masks during the pandemic make it more challenging. People with hearing loss need induction loops any time they are purchasing tickets or obtaining service. Limiting the requirement to sports stadiums defies common sense.

3-The rule should not require an audio system for an induction loop since businesses will evade the requirement by omitting an audio system. ICC should close all loopholes to avoid access.

The requirement eliminates children's settings since children's spaces rarely have an audio system. People rarely consider children have hearing loss.

As such, I request the committee revise the proposal and augment the above suggestions.

Sincerely,

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