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Thank you for this information.  
I will follow up with any questions.  
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> On May 19, 2014, at 10:01 PM, "Sunnie Harmon" <sunnie@lobbysc.com> wrote:  
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> Hey Katherine. Thank you for your phone call today.  
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> Attached is a letter that lays out the danger of buying hearing aids on-line w/out a hearing aid evaluation from a professional, which include: Failure to detect the underlying medical cause of the hearing loss; Additional hearing loss as a result of improper fitting/programming; And, ear trauma sustained as a result of improper fitting and/or insertion of a ill-molded hearing aid. The letter is authored by The Academy of Doctors of Audiology, The American Academy of Audiology, The American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery, The American Speech-Language Hearing Association, and The International Hearing Society. Financial losses is also listed as a danger.  
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> I also attached a one-pager on S.1056.  
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> Thirdly, here is a link of all other states that restrict Internet/Mail Order Sales of hearing aids without proper fitting, which include:  
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> \* Texas  
> \* Florida  
> \* Maryland  
> \* Missouri  
> \* California  
> \* Connecticut  
> \* Nevada  
> \* Oregon  
> \* Washington  
> \* Ohio  
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> Here is the link: <http://www.audiology>.

org/advocacy/Documents/Chap3\_StateRegulations4Direct2ConsumerDelivery.pdf

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> Finally, this link is a one-pager provided by the FDA that warns about buying hearing aids on-line:  
[http://www.fda.](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Consumers/BuyingMedicalDevicesandDiagnosticTestsOnline/c.htm)

[gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Consumers/BuyingMedicalDevicesandDiagnosticTestsOnline/c](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Consumers/BuyingMedicalDevicesandDiagnosticTestsOnline/c.htm)  
[.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Consumers/BuyingMedicalDevicesandDiagnosticTestsOnline/c.htm)

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> Let me know if you need additional information or have any questions!

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> Thanks!

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