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Dear Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle:

On behalf of the New Jersey Association of Hearing Health Professionals (NJAHHP), I am writing to express our support of your legislation A-3172 that requires all personal audio players distributed in New Jersey to contain a warning about volume and hearing loss. We appreciate your effort to inform consumers of the potential hearing damage that can occur after listening to these devices at levels of 115 decibels or greater for just 15 minutes.

NJAHHP is the State's largest association of hearing health professionals, including licensed audiologists and hearing aid dispensers, dedicated to advancing good hearing health and serving the needs of the hearing impaired. Since our founding in 1960, our members have promoted honest, fair practice and professionalism in fitting hearing instruments. We also promote consumer education in the prevention of hearing loss. The Association provides for the educational and advisory needs of our professionals so that they may better serve the hearing impaired and their families.

As the oldest organization representing hearing specialists in the State, NJAHHP hopes that you will look to us as a partner in helping you advance this initiative, as well as any other issues you may be considering related to hearing health. We want to be a resource and an ally to you in these very important matters. If we can ever help in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact us at 609-392-8908.

Thank you again for introducing A-3172 and being our partner in promoting the well being of New Jersey's residents and their hearing health.

Sincerely,

David Weesner, AuD  
President