

New Jersey State Association

Good morning -

During recent weeks and months, you gave me your name as a potential volunteer in support of our state-wide effort to install looping in public gathering places throughout the State of New Jersey.

As a volunteer, we are now asking your help to either identify and help secure compliance at one or several local places of public assembly or congregation. We are/have assembling/ed materials for your use on our HLAA-NJ website, and ask that you proceed to follow the steps outlined on the enclosed public looping backgrounder. For each case, we do suggest you make telephone contact to request compliance, and then follow that with a letter sent by US postal mail to the person you've contacted. Please send us a copy of your letter so that we can also follow up with an HLAA letter to the same facility, as we work together to help enforce compliance.

If you or we do not receive a satisfactory response after 30 days, we will then ask you to file a formal complaint online and we will send a follow-up letter to the facility reminding them that they do not comply with appropriate State and/or Federal regulations designed to assure accessibility for the deaf or hard of hearing through the installation of either looping or other accessibility methods. At that point, further action may be taken by the State and/or the Department of Justice, or possibly referred to one of several legal sources working with HLAA-NJ.

I will look forward to your active participation in our Looping NJ program, and will hope to receive your correspondence and action plans by return e-mail at jias888@aol.com, or mailed to me by US Mail at Joel Strasser, 9 Melville Lane, Brick, NJ 08724-1923. If you prefer to discuss your preferences by telephone, I should generally be reachable by CapTel telephone at 732-415-7556.

Many thanks for your active participation, and I'll look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

All best regards, and many thanks for your help and support,

President,
Association of America,
State Association

Joel Strasser,
Hearing Loss
New Jersey

Attachment (Looping backgrounder)