**Access Technology Affordability Act Estimated Cost**

**National Federation of the Blind**

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**General Figures**

Legally blind, according to IRS (2014): 315,436

Legally blind under 21 (American Printing House, 2015): 61,739

**SSI Figures (2015)**

Disabled recipients: 6,976,122

Avg. monthly payment: $546.49

Avg. yearly benefit: $6,557.88

Blind recipients: 64,991 (0.932% of all disabled recipients)

Avg. monthly payment: $522.59

Avg. yearly benefit: $6,271.08

**SSDI Figures (2015)**

Disabled recipients: 10,237,204

Blind recipients: 95,411 (estimate based on percentage of blind SSI recipients)

Avg. monthly payment: $1,111.59

Avg. yearly benefit: $13,339.08

**Assumptions & Calculations**

Total Blind (IRS + APH + SSI) (Assume those on SSDI file IRS 1040): 442,166

Assume 10 percent of Total number of blind use ATAA credit per year: 44,216

Assume credit claimed is one-third of three year max: $833

ANNUAL COST TO GOVERNMENT: ($36,831,928)

Assume increased access to technology allows 1 percent of SSI recipients (650) to stop receiving benefits: $4,076,202 saved

Assume increased access to technology allows 1 percent of SSDI recipients (954) to stop receiving benefits: $12,725,406 saved

“Working blind” (Legally blind (IRS) + blind recipients of SSI): 380,427

Assume 10 percent of the working blind (38,042), i.e. those who used the ATAA credit, are able to pay, on average, $750 more in federal income and payroll taxes due to increased productivity, raises, better jobs, etc.: $28,531,500 gained

**SUMMARY**

Annual Cost of ATAA: ($36,831,928)

Annual SSI Savings: $4,076,202

Annual SSDI Savings: $12,725,406

Additional Annual Tax Revenue: $28,531,500

**TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS: $8,501,180**