

I would like to state my position on the Tobii Smartbox merger. I have worked in Assistive Technology for nearly 20 years and have used Smartbox for over 15 years and Tobii products for over 12. To me, the merger makes sense. AT and in particular eyegaze, has only penetrated a small part of its potential market. It is expensive to implement with clients due to the high level of support needed to specify, train and provide ongoing backup. Smartbox have always provided myself with first rate service and Tobii have, in my opinion, the best hardware. We (Penn Hall School) are a national leading user of the Grid software, if we felt that the merger would put the availability of the Grid in question, we would shout very loud. We do not think there is a remote possibility of this happening and we fully endorse the commitment that Tobii have made in this matter.

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