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Magalie Salas
Office of the Secretary
FCC
445 12th St SW,
Wash DC 20554

Docket Nos., CC 98-67 AND CC 90-571
in response to Public Notice DA#00-2739

Dear Ms. Salas:

We strongly agree with Dr. Bob Segalman's filing regarding the NECA budget.

Dr. Segalman proposes establishing an annual \$6m Speech to Speech budget. This would ensure adequate usage of STS especially in the many states, which would otherwise have no STS outreach budget. The disability community in Hawaii would not be able to secure such funding at this time. Federal support is needed.

Sincerely,

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Representative Patsy Mink