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By electronic filing:

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Presentation**
CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

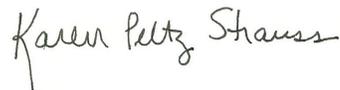
On March 10, 2005, the undersigned met with Jay Keithley, Acting Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB), to discuss the following matters concerning the FCC's handling of disability access issues:

- Concerns about the future of DRO in any future CGB reorganizations, and the need to use the office as a filter for all FCC proceedings that may have an impact on disability access.
- A request that all TRS issues be transitioned into a single docket (03-123) to make it easier for consumers to file comments.
- Concerns about VRS interoperability and the likelihood that VRS will become a monopoly service. Focus was on VRS being a federally administered program and the need for the FCC not to support a service that is not functionally equivalent.
- Problems with the way that the current TRS structure is set up, with non-carriers providing relay services through state programs, without any real oversight. This also brought up issues concerning whether VRS should be a shared program between the federal and state

jurisdictions and whether VRS reimbursement should be based on a formula that averages rates across the states.

- Concerns about reimbursing Spanish-to-ASL VRS and video mail, as already reflected by comments provided by CSD in the TRS record (no new arguments made).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Peltz Strauss".

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