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RE: Docket # 03-123

Dear FCC -

For the past 30 years I have been teaching children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Certainly over the decades technology has changed tremendously and has allowed students with hearing loss greater access to the hearing world. Many students who are classified audiometrically as deaf are now functioning as hard of hearing individuals due to advances in technology and their access to it.

Presently I work with students ages 5-17. I know that their futures will be significantly and positively impacted by further techological advances which will allow them further opportunities for equal access in school, communication and life.

Supporting a FCC mandate for captioned telephone service for people who are deaf and hard of hearing in New York State and nationwide is a key component in advocacy, communication and independence. Many people with hearing loss can listen and talk but may need assistance in telephone usage - as they cannot see (facial expression, lip movements etc) the person speaking.

On behalf of my students, our future, I ask your support of this petition. Thank you.

Deb McPherson