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TO: Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
PO Box 15477
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Dear Mr. Martin

I am a parent of a deaf son the VRS service has opened many doors of opportunity, His communication skills have improved 100 %. I only wish this service would have been available when he was younger it would have benefited his learning. I ask you to fully fund this program. As it is not only a great communication mode for the deaf, but a great learning tool increases their ability to be more independent and most of all a great tool to get assistance in an emergency. As you probably are aware deaf people don't all live in the same neighborhood and can't make friends with neighbors like hearing individuals. The VRS technology gives them a chance to communicate with each other no matter of the distance. My son was a loaner, but since we have the VRS he has met and keeps in contact with new friends and makes appointments to meet each other. This is something that did not happen before. Again I ask you to please fully fund this program. .

John Silberberg

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To: Chairman Martin,
Commissioners Adelstein, Copps,
McDowel, and Tate;

I am Deaf and I need Video Relay Service (VRS) in order to be able to place and receive phone calls with hearing individuals in my own native language – American Sign Language (ASL). I strongly urge the FCC to establish a new stable, reliable, and predictable VRS rate for the next three years. I know that a long-term stable rate will directly impact the VRS services that I rely upon.

Please set a fair VRS rate that encourages VRS providers to:

*Increase VRS access for all Deaf individuals through outreach programs.
*Invest in the raining and development of additional professional interpreters.
*Improve VRS technology to provide reliable 24/7 and 911 services.

Cutting the VRS rate would severely impact the quality of VRS, which I rely on for my communication needs.

Respectfully,

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To whom it concern:

Why is that so easy for Deaf, Deaf/Blind and handicapped to get bump off, when the situation happened. Relay and VRS is still good for our needed.

Most of us do not alway have social life not always convenient, some live far in town, local and states and also isolation while the mainstream have great technology ahead of us, wouldn't be bump off since they can afford. We will always struggle to meet competitor of technology. VRS is our advantage and wonderful things. I am positive those people who get call from the deaf through VRS have good and understanding conversation.

I hope you read and understand our pointview as well. I can see why you are doing this on account of budget. Please don't take our wonderful conversation away.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Your truly,

Gloria

Gloria West

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Chairman Kevin Martin & Comissioners:

there is a lot of rumors going around to write to you asking your support in funding the Videophone program for the deaf. Most all of this is coming from the older hearing impaired that grew up with ASL sign language which has practically no English structure.

For my self I find to use what they call sign English which follows the English language as spoken. The deaf as a group who use the ASL signs they have a very low reading level for the most part some stalling at 3 or 4th grade level.

When the phoning + T.V. captions came into use I was real pleased for our a big improvement in the deaf use of signed English. Now some one got the government to finance the video-relay which is distraction to the older relay around the states.

So now that it has come to a point that the Video Relay would not be self supporting but cost the government + duplicate a communication system so I am asking you to not help with funds but let the previous system survive. thank you

P. Riddle

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June 1, 2007

To: Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell and Tate

My wife and I are deaf parents and we have three beautiful hearing children. We need Video Relay Service (VRS) because we make phone calls with hearing friends, hearing parents, community-helpers like doctors, teachers, dentists, etc and business-people like insurance-agents, repairers, bankers, etc. in our own American Sign language (ASL).

We urge the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to establish a new stable, reliable and predicable VRS rate for the next three years. It will impact the VRS services that we rely on them. VRS provides to increase and access for all deaf individuals through outreach programs, to invest in the training and development of additional professional interpreters, to improve VRS technology to provide reliable 24 hours / 7 days and 911 services.

We encourage not to cut the VRS rate. It would severely impact the quality of VRS, which we rely on for our communication needs.

Respectfully, Jeff Cooper

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RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

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Respectfully, HOLLACE GOODMAN
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May 30, 2007

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Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am writing a letter and notify that I am a deaf person myself and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate often. It is worth useful with VP/VRS because some deaf people can not understand to read on phone TTY/TDD because some deaf people are different foreign culture. They has to use VP thru VRS. VP/VRS is helpful for deaf foreign culture people better understand on VRS. VP/VRS are more popular now. It is true and important.

And also, my daughter is serious ill/diabetes reaction. I called VP/VRS for 911 emergency. It is worth helpful. YES! I love VP/VRS. We can not live without VP/VRS.

Some deaf employees are using with VP/VRS at work. It is important to keep supporting with VP/VRS Business.

And also, I paid to Federal taxes. Please keep supporting with VP/VRS program/business. Please don't cut VP/VRS programs. It is threatening (victims) to deaf people. I would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Patricia Oakley

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June 2, 2007
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E. Walpole, MA 02032

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RE: **CG Docket No. 03-123**

Dear Chairman Martin;
Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate;

My granddaughter is deaf and she needs Video Relay Service (VRS) in order to be able to place and receive phone calls with hearing individuals in her own language – American Sign Language. I am writing to strongly urge the FCC to establish a new stable, reliable, and predictable VRS rate for the next three years. I know that a long-term stable rate will directly impact the VRS services that she relies upon.

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Cutting the VRS rate would severely impact the quality of VRS, which my granddaughter relies on for her communication needs.

Respectfully,

Joan Carver

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Respectfully, [illegible]
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ctfully, Andrea Ruiz
Print Name

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6-1-07

Dear Mr Martin,

I am writing to ask you to stop the budget cuts on VRS services. Our family counts on this service to communicate with my sister, Kelly Isaacs, (deaf from birth).

This important service should be given more money, not taking away or cutting. Why is it always the ones who cannot speak for themselves who get the shaft? Deaf persons have a hard enough time in this world. Must we make it harder?

Sincerely

Amy Isaacs

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Mr Martin, 6/7/07

I am writing about the buget cuts. VRS

My whole family depends on this.

Sincerely
Rhett Mehle

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RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

June 1, 2007

Dear Chairman Martin,

The Idaho Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is deeply concerned about potential cuts to reimbursement rates for VRS.

In Idaho, there are over 100,000 hard-of-hearing individuals and over 3,000 deaf individuals. Many deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing individuals rely on VRS for their personal and business affairs.

Outreach needs to be expanded, interpreter training should be increased, and enhanced technology should be made available to ensure quality 24/7 and 911 services.

Please be fair to those who are not able to speak on the phone without VRS service by setting a fair rate. The rate should be increased, not decreased.

Regards,

Wes Maynard
Executive Director

Cc: Jonathan Adelstein, Robert Mcdowell, Michael Copps, Deborah Tate

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May 30th, 2007

Dear Chairman of FCC: Kevin Martin
I would like you to know that most deaf peoples have videophone to use VRS to make better communicate w/ hearing peoples to be sure understand what VRS & deaf peoples to make clearly than TDD or TTY to make not clearly w/ VRS to use TTY or TDD w/ hearing peoples also sometime not to clearly to understand what they say ??

Please keep support on VRS & deaf peoples to use Video phone on "not cutting budget on VRS" in future...

Thank you for support this & not cutting budget on VRS.

Sincerely,
Jim R Grossman Sr
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Respectfully, ~~Jason Jordan~~ BJ

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Respectfully, ~~Jason Jordan~~ JJ

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501 SE Third Street
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June 9, 2007

Kevin Martin, Chairman
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PO Box 15477
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Dear Mr. Martin,

We are appalled and shocked that the Federal Communications Commission is threatening drastic (or any cuts) in the VRS program that allows deaf and hard of hearing people communicate with each other and in the world around them.

The population is aging and many of them have moderate to severe hearing losses and they need these services to allow them to live independently. The Older Americans Act has as a mission to assist people to live independently as long as possible, thereby allowing them to remain outside of a nursing home which is extremely expensive for the tax payer. As an Advocate for the Aging, we beg you to reconsider this vital need. We are surprised that AARP has not sent out a memo.

We know that deaf and hard of hearing people represent all ages and the younger worker needs VRS to sustain employment and other issues for independent living. We live in a verbal world and it is a disaster to disconnect a segment of our population. Voice messaging and phone calls that offer a selection of options are impossible for hard of hearing people.

We know many of hard of hearing people who are employed, many who are professionals who are paying their share of taxes. They need this service to communicate with others. Please consider these circumstances before you make cuts to the program.

We will be awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

John & Lucy Andrie

John & Lucy Andrie
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June 2, 2007
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Respectfully,

Brie Carver-Brown

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tfully, CATHY + FRANK SCOLARO
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Respectfully, Eugenia J. Radford-Davis Email EJRad46@Aol.Com
Print Name

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Brooke Newell
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Glens Falls NY 12801

June 1, 2007

Dear Commissioner Tate:

It has come to my attention that the FCC ha proposed a Video Relay Service (VRS) rate reduction. I am writing to let you know that I FULLY SUPPORT this proposed rate reduction.

I have a deaf employee and have installed a videophone in the building for his use. Since it was installed in December of 2006, I have been hounded non-stop by sales representatives from competing VRS providers to have us use their service when placing VRS calls. Each sales representative will boast that their company has the best interpreters and the fastest connection time. They shower me with little marketing gifts such as pens, notepads, magnets, and calendars.

All of this tells me that this is an extremely lucrative enterprise for them. They would not expend this much time and energy on one single videophone user if there were not much to gain. As a taxpayer, I am concerned that these VRS providers are being over-compensated for their service. I think it is time to let the free market influence the cost of this service. Please reduce the rate and see which providers are still interested. I suspect they all will be.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brooke Newell

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Dear Mr. Martin,

I am writing regarding my concern for the budget cuts the FCC has implemented for the VRS services.

My daughter is deaf & she counts on this service daily. Isn't there something else you can cut for us people that are fortunate enough to hear?

Please give this your prompt attention as we are all counting on you.

Sincerely

Cheryl Muckle