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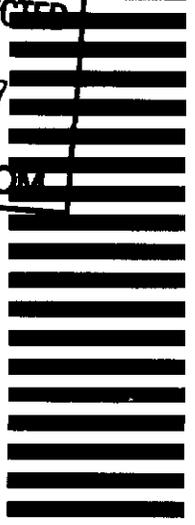
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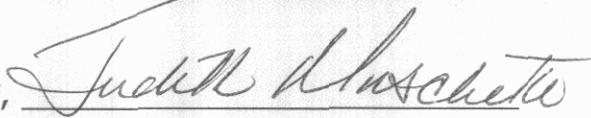
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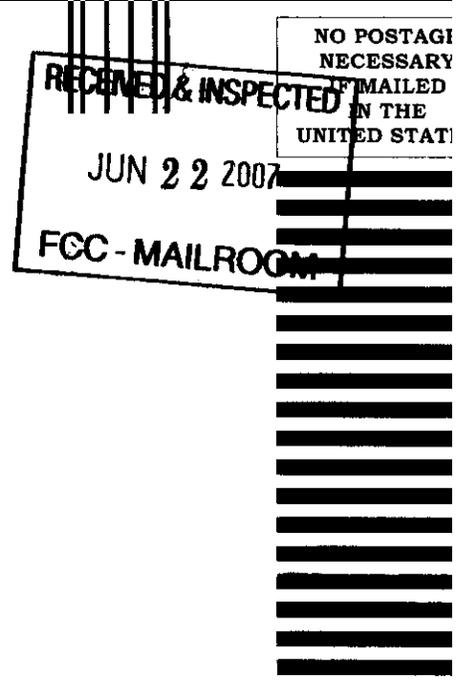
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Respectfully, Heidi Spurlock  
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I don't want back to TDD  
but I want still on VRS.

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That best VRS more than TDD/TTY.  
No cut VRS.

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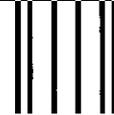
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Respectfully, DARREN P. CARFANO, SR.  
Print Name

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Respectfully, GARY BURKHART  
Print Name

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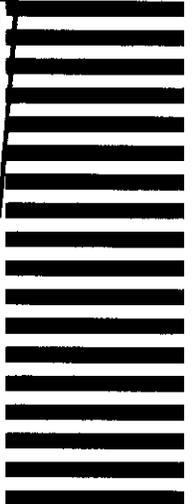
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Sincerely, 

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Barbara A Purifoy  
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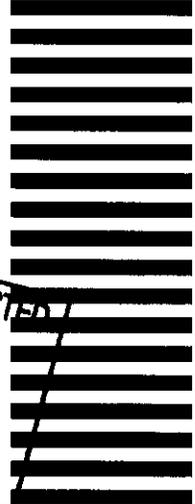
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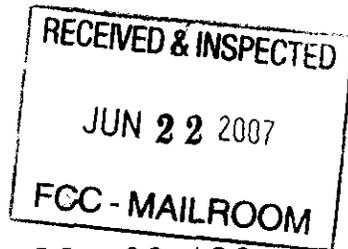
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*lots of time can't call or receive calls  
Dec 2006 - can't get a person to come to my house to check VA-100 - I'm abt to give up & tired of not get better services -  
B.A.P. 6/6/07*

Respectfully, BARBARA A. Purifoy  
Print Name

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June 1, 2007



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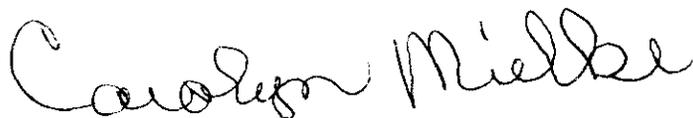
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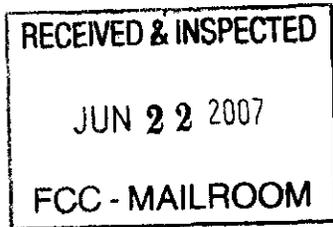
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Mielke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Carolyn Mielke



Caspar J. Green  
19 Fulton Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801

June 1, 2007

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

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

My wife has a deaf employee and she installed a videophone for his use. Since it was installed in December of 2006, she has been hounded non-stop by sales representatives from competing VRS providers to have her employee 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 her office with little marketing gifts such as pens, notepads, magnets, and calendars.

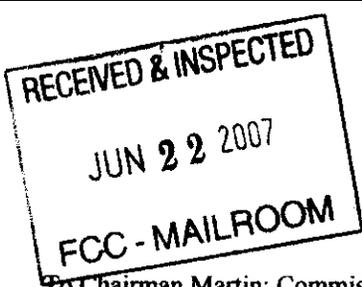
All of this tells me that this is an extremely lucrative enterprise for them. They would not expend this much time and energy on one single videophone user if there were not much to gain. As a taxpayer, I am concerned that these VRS providers are being over-compensated for their service. I think it is 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.

Respectfully,



Caspar J. Green



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

I'm not too well versed on the computer but because I am so desperate to help the deaf or hearing impaired with a better life than what they had before VRS, that I want to get this letter out as soon as possible.

I am a mother of a deaf (hearing impaired person) who is totally deaf from birth. My daughter is 45yrs. old and has gone to school since she was 18mos. old. She was wearing a hearing aid nearly that long.

The deaf from birth is a different culture - as I have learned in only the past year. Now you would think I would know that but I'm sorry to say I didn't. And if you yourselves aren't aware of this please do some research. Deaf culture means to me that totally deaf people write letters different than hearing people, body language is different, expressions are different and the logic is totally different.

My daughter has not had the opportunity to learn or maybe I should say because of the school system back in the early 60's we were not allowed by the school system to learn sign language - the school system at that time believed in oral communication only - as it was a hearing world in which we live. Because of this thinking and my husband and myself being young, we thought we were to listen to those educated in that field. WERE WE EVER WRONG. Now we are paying the price. If you want to know the school system at that time it was: Eastern Michigan University - Rackham School. Even in early high school after she had learned some signs on her own, the school in which she was attending at that time, Redford Union - Wayne Westland again I got a phone call from the principal that they wanted to know just how they could get her to stop signing.

Just as an experiment take your family to a restaurant using earplugs and try to order only using your hands. Now this is a challenge but only an hour or two out of your lives. Now try a lifetime of living this way. About a month ago my daughter's son's girlfriend had my daughter arrested for pushing a pregnant girl. First of all I'm not even sure it happened. But the big problem is the police handcuffed my daughter - now she couldn't talk at all. Plus she never was given the opportunity to talk through an interrupter. The lies my grandson told to the police - were all his side of the story and his girlfriends. What about the deaf person - who is the most vulnerable to a now 15year felony.

*She signs →*

As my husband and I are trying to help her, we have stayed with her and her deaf boyfriend and watched the deaf communicate on the Video Sorenson Relay and I beg you —please don't charge these most unfortunate people. In this world it would be so much easier to be blind then deaf — people are more willing to help the blind.

Please phone me for anything you think I may of missed, or of anything I can help you with.

JoAnn Pifer

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2400 Aqui Esta Dr.  
Punta Gorda, Fl. 33950 Winter Months

1-231-779-8052 (landline)  
9555 Peterson Dr.  
Cadillac, Mi 49601 Summer Problem: at this time we just came back from Mi. to go see our Daughter's public defender

*SSI. A decent guy much - speaking for hearing people is natural - for deaf people Sorenson Video Relay should also be a free way of life. Deaf people are also limited on their amount of friends*

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and VRS 400 is not good like language show them at all in  
and someone person even to pass write my pt and file  
with the long story of VRS. Let me know when thank you for your  
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*May 30th 2007*

Sincerely, Sandra McIntyre

Email Aquahorse1@yahoo.com

Print Name

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*Thank you*

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