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Dear Chairman Martin

Life as a deaf person is difficult enough because there are still barriers between those who can not hear and those who can.

Before getting the Sorenson VRS device this year, I have never used the TTY/TTD because a) I can hardly type, and, b) using the TTY/TTD would have incurred an astronomically high phone bill. For years I had to rely on Hearing people to help me with neccessary phone calls which is quite cumbersome

Since receiving the equipment I have been much happier at my newfound independence, and I can conduct the phone calls without information getting lost in the transaction.

Please help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons move forward, not backwards with their lives by not reducing accessibility to VRS.

Sincerely,
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