

In reference to Sorenson Communications' petition seeking clarification that only one VRS provider may assign telephone numbers to any particular Internet-based TRS device, I am opposed to it. When I was the TDI Executive Director, I was involved in developing policies related to the ADA Title 4 on TRS and Telecommunications Act of 1996 related to accessibility. Today, I learned that had I been able to turn back the clock and redo these policies, I would have included the Internet related issues. In other words, we need to update these policies by introducing to the House the Coat Access' 21st Century bill, HR 3101.

This petition will create restrictions which may be appropriate today but will be inappropriate tomorrow. It is to my understanding that there are more videophone manufacturers doing research and development to make all videophones interconnectable and interoperable with any number of Internet lines.

In closing, this petition will just maintain Sorenson's monopoly on VRS and discourage the innovations of future videophones.

Sincerely

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