

I support the Petition to Initiate a Notice and Comment Rulemaking Proceeding filed by the National Association of the Deaf.

This directly affects myself and all those around me. VRS has enhanced the life of all Deaf people, being much more functionally equivalent than TTY's and TDD's ever were due to the fact of English not being most Deaf people's first language. Being able to have information in their first language makes a huge difference in their daily lives. You should go to Deaf people, Sign Language Interpreters and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and discuss changes and things that you feel are or are not appropriate and make a fair assessment. But withholding funds and reducing functional equivalency is against the law. Please start paying VRS companies.

Sincerely,

Marian Mitchell