This is to indicate my support of and appreciation for Sprint’s recent conference with Mark Stone of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Ex Parte—CG Docket No. 10-51) regarding the discussion of the FCC’s recent declaratory ruling. My interpretation of Sprints Ex Parte is that Sprint inquired about the status of the proceeding and whether or not the FCC was going to issue a reconsideration order. Sprint said the FCC may have failed to fully appreciate the problems that providers who employ a significant number of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals will encounter in attempting to comply with the policy regarding cost recovery of their employees' use of TRS services.

I am extremely pleased to see a major telecommunications industry like Sprint demonstrating their understanding of the implications of FCC’s declaratory ruling on the employability of deaf and hard of hearing people. It’s so rare to see a major corporation run by hearing executives be so sensitive and supportive. Compare this with Sorenson's February 5, 2010 filing, which reflects otherwise via their filings which can only hinder the deaf and hard of hearing community's never ending struggle for level playing fields and functional equivalency:

"During yesterday's meeting, we noted that recent reports have indicated that some VRS providers are generating a substantial percentage oftheir revenues from handling "internal"

(employee-to-employee) calls. **We stated that providers and their employees should be dedicated to handling VRS calls, not placing them. Sorenson believes that millions of dollars should not be diverted from the Interstate TRS Fund in order to compensate calls generated by providers; instead, such calls generally should be non-compensable, as explained in Sorenson's Petition.3** If the Commission fails to act quickly on this and other issues described in Sorenson's Petition, the integrity ofthe VRS program will be threatened, thereby jeopardizing the continuing progress toward functional equivalency and access that consumers deserve and the ADA requires." (VRS Reform: *Ex Parte* Notice - CG Docket 03-123)

If my understanding of Sprint is accurate, please heed their words of advice and not Sorenson’s.