

I think lowering the rate for vrs would be a horrible idea. So so many people depend on it to communicate with there friends and families everyday. Changing the rate would completely change vrs as it is today. Its a much needed service for the deaf community. Changing the rate per minute for vrs calls would only affect the major vrs providers and essentially put them out of business. I would rather have my tax money spent on something worthwhile like helping the disabled than for whatever other things that money would be spent on. And if those companies go under that provide vrs and also provide internet text relay then the deaf community would have very few options as far as communicating with friends, family, their jobs, and businesses. just because they are unable to use a phone like the rest of us doesnt mean they shouldnt have the same oppurtunities as we do. Can you imagine not being able to call into your bank to check your balance? or being sick and not being able to call into work? These services are essential. You wouldnt only be crippling vrs but you would be crippling all relay services operating in the United States today. Please dont consider this to be an actual option. Deaf relay is very important. My father used a relay service for most of his adult life. it was his lifeline. he wouldnt have been able to function like a normal person without it. in summation i believe it would be a very unwise decision to change the vrs rate. please take all of these things into consideration when making your decision. Thank you.