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- The FCC proposes a low interim VRS rate. A better option would be a multi-year VRS rate, which would allow VRS providers to continue to invest in their offerings for the deaf.
- VRS and the improvements made to it over the years have moved us closer to the goal of function equivalence mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The FCC rate proposal would destroy that progress and move us further from achieving the goals of the ADA. Equal Access will lose ground;
- Adoption of this rate proposal would lead many companies into bankruptcy, leaving deaf customers without the vital VRS service they have come to expect;
- This proposal would almost certainly mean that my friend or family member's job and countless others would be in jeopardy in an economy where finding a new job would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Hi - i am sending this msg in hopes you will take a moment to copy the msg below and send it to the FCC. There is a proposed rate change for the interpreting work i do. my company announced yesterday it will go bankrupt, if these new rates are passed. This means I will be out of a job, and that terrifies me right now, as I'm sure you can imagine. We can use all the support we can get! So, please, if you would, take a moment to cut and past this msg and send it to:

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Jim.Lande@fcc.gov; Mark.Stone@fcc.gov; Andrew.Mulitz@fcc.gov; Michael.Jacobs@fcc.gov;  
Gregory.Hilbok@fcc.gov; Joel.Gurin@fcc.gov; Diana.Mason@fcc.gov

OR:

Another option is to go to this link and leave a comment; it takes about 5 seconds:  
<http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/begin?procName=03-123&filedFrom=X>

Thank you so, so much! (if you're getting this message multiple times, forgive me. my address book isn't the tidiest!) Feel free to pass this on to any interpreter or Deaf person or anyone who uses VRS services.

Dana Linn THE MESSAGE IS BELOW:

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