

## Comments on the recent (Dec 15) FCC proposal

1. There has been a suggestion made by some interpreters to repeal the ban on interpreting VRS from home. I respectfully disagree. There is no way to verify or ensure privacy in that kind of situation. I want the calls that my friends and I make to have the opportunity to be private. Call centers have people in them, but the number of people is limited to the folks working in that call center only. Home VRS privacy is limited by the number of people in the home, the people they allow into the space, as well as the animals that live there.

The other problem with VRS being inside of a home is that there is no recourse to help. Getting help on the spot requires technical assistance and handing off the call to another VI. 2 people do not get to work as a team to do the Interpretation.

Again, I prefer that VRS not be allowed to be in private homes.

2. The other comment that I have is connected to the quality of interpreters that work within the VRS industry in English/ASL. I think they should all be nationally certified by RID. Interpreters should have some work experience before they step into the world of VRS. Having a place where inexperienced people can get experience is a good thing, but VIs should not be learning interpreting while they are learning VRS. Interpreting should be in place already. National certification is one way of proving that there is interpreting skill.

Respectfully,

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