

I must also strongly disagree with this proposal for the FCC to require only RID-NAD Certified Interpreters for VRS. I am a CODA (Child of a Deaf Adult) and as such, am able to witness firsthand the immense benefit VRS has for my Deaf family as well as for my friends and coworkers involved in the Deaf community. Unnecessary strain will be placed on VRS companies and this will inevitably have a negative impact on the consumers. This move would seriously disenfranchise a very large number of qualified interpreters who are state certified, pre-certified, and actively pursuing NID-RAD certification. Professionally, I have been working as a signer in the Deaf community for over five years and as a VRS operator for over three years. I must emphasize the immense impact this proposal would have on the VRS industry and cannot, as a CODA and interpreting professional, support any move that would limit both consumers and professionals.

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