

I would like to comment on the FCC considering that all Video Relay Service interpreters need to hold national certification. There are many qualified interpreters who hold state or local certifications. There are also interpreters that have life experience that highly qualifies them to be an interpreter. Often, the lack of certification or degree in any field of business has to do with a lack of time or money and not a lack of skill or qualification. I understand the focus on quality interpreting services for the deaf community, I do. However, this is not the correct way to go about it in my opinion. Many qualified interpreters could lose their jobs as Communication Assistants for VRS companies. This would be a setback to services for the deaf community where there is a great need for interpreting services in the Video Relay Service setting.