

I do not feel that Video Relay Interpreters need to be nationally certified. There are multiple testing systems that are used for sign language interpreters to take to see if they have the qualifications the vrs company is looking for.

I believe this is extremely unethical since all testing would be required through RID. If this is passed, it would give all the business to one company. Weren't large companies, i.e. telephone company, cable, and utilities

broken up by the government because of one company being a monopoly. But, requiring certification by this national organization is being a monopoly. It's not right. Why would the government eliminate monopolies in one area but allow them in others?

Part of the CEU's we must maintain has to do with ethics. Why would we be required to be ethical when the requirement to be certified through only one agency is unethical.

By requiring us to obtain a national certification through only one organization it will eliminate any competition in certifying agencies. That can lead to higher rates because they will be the "only business in town."

If passed, many VIs will lose their jobs. This will be detrimental to the deaf community as there won't be enough interpreters to process their call. With mobile phones increasing the capability of a person placing a VRS call - there would be delays due to decreased number of VIs.

I'm not exactly sure why the FCC is deciding to get involved in how this business is run. Each company knows the qualification that they require of their interpreters. They screen and test the interpreters, if qualified they hire them. No business wants to hire unqualified interpreters as this would reflect badly on their business. I trust the judgement of companies hiring process and screening process. The government has no business telling companies who they can hire. This is a free country, people come from all over to open businesses and make it big because America is the land of the free where great things are possible.