

Chairman Genachowski,

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As a video interpreter who uses sign language to relay Video Relay Service (VRS) calls between Deaf and Hearing people, and as a child of Deaf parents, I know the value of VRS communication technology and skilled ASL interpreters to the fundamental rights of equal communication access.

The FCC's proposed changes to the VRS program will have an adverse effect on the delivery of service, the technological advancements and the quality of interpretation. Please reconsider these proposed changes.

VRS allows Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing people to communicate with individuals who are Hearing in much the way Hearing people have been communicating; this allows them to compete in the vocational arena, and to make the calls that we take for granted each day.

My concern is that if the proposed changes take place Deaf individuals will not have the choices of equipment to best meet their needs, nor will they have access to the highest quality service that skilled ASL interpreters provide all of which will dramatically impact the level of functional equivalence Deaf people experience .

It is critical that the FCC reconsider these proposed changes. Kenneth Alexander