

Chairman Genachowski,

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I am a hearing person that has become friends with 2 deaf people. I have learned that the ability for the deaf and the hearing to communicate is not the easiest thing to do. Because of this difficulty the two cultures are keep separated. This is sad because the deaf have much more to contribute to soicity then they are given credit for. This gap is already very difficult to build bridges between. By changing this service you could be destroying the only way that many deaf people have to communicate with the hearing. How is an employer suppose to call leave a message for there deaf employee if this service is not provided. How does the deaf person handle an emergency if the can not place the call to get help. This issue goes beyond just the deaf and hearing. If we are willing to compromise one group of people then where do you draw the line. Do we stop helping blind people get across streets, or maybe we stop having wheel chair ramps required at places of business. By providing communication opportunities to the deaf we have provided them with the same chances to be productive parts of society they live in. Victor Timmons