

Chairman Genachowski,

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I am deaf and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to be in touch with my hearing family, friends and co-workers as well as make calls myself any time of the day or night. I value using this communication service because it empowers me to communicate in a similar way hearing people do.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) moved deaf people forward and opened up opportunities for us. Now we have access to "functionally-equivalent" communication equipment and services and it should remain. I can't understand why the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing some changes that I do not agree with. Hearing people have choices in their communication equipment and service. Deaf people should have the same choices. I want equipment that is designed especially for me. I also want be ensured that I can continue to choose my own VRS service provider.

I am also worried that if the FCC's proposed changes - specifically the off-the-shelf since these equipment are not made or designed for deaf people like myself. Also, if the rate cuts for VRS providers - go into effect, there will be less desire for continuous development and competition among VRS providers, hence, quality of my VRS may be affected.

I want to enjoy the benefits of the ADA. I want functional equivalency in every aspect of my communication!

Thank you for your consideration. Joann Nakielski