

Chairman Genachowski,

I am hard of hearing and i am upset that you are taking my "voice, body language, etc" tone away from me and my friends... "off the shelf" or should i say hearing world centered audio items are not going to be able to keep up our language speed... and audio disruptive to our movements. VRS is very important to me how do you like it if i take all phones, or any voice communication devices away permanently from you your form of communication will be you driving to some place or walking or whatever it takes to get communication.. ! you are taking my emergency address essentials to being rescued and emergency 911 help away! we cant sign to a audio phone why are you distressing our life" its stressing enough to get jobs, help and patience and you are putting so much burden on us deaf and hard of hearing... we finally got to have deaf cooking, deaf news, etc and you are taking it away from us... and if you take this away from us... then all those people working for vrs will be without jobs etc there's too much at stake for you to yank the rug (our communication) out from under us

I think there are two crucial reasons to keep the current VRS system in place.

First, I like the company I do business with. I don't want to be forced to switch companies because the one I work with has gone out of business.

Second, I don't want to have to buy and set up my own VRS equipment. I got my equipment at no cost from my VRS provider. They installed it and continue to maintain it. It would be unfair to now shift this burden to me and other deaf people. If the government wants to prevent deaf people from connecting with others and using VRS, this is a good way to do it.

The VRS program works for people who are deaf. It's how we communicate every day with the hearing world and how the hearing world communicates with us. Any changes to the program must be in the best interest of deaf Americans. The changes being considered by the FCC are not. I hope that you will help prevent these changes from taking place. Greta Dowell