

Dear Sir:

I am deaf. I use a videophone connected to a high speed internet that I paid for to be in touch with my deaf family, friends, and workers.

I also use Video Relay Service (VRS) at my own choice for touching with my business and church hearing people as well as make to call 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 person 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 understand the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is proposing some changes. I want deaf people to have choices in their communication equipment and service that are designed for them. I also want be ensured that deaf people can continue to choose their own VRS service provider.

I believe all VRS service providers should be under one protocol. So that way, a deaf person can have an one and only one phone number. And also it will be easy for FCC to monitor the service usage. I think cable and phone services should pay a small amount of dollars for anybody use videophone.

I know VRS service provider can develop its own software program that will include many new features and easy to use.

I want to make sure this equipment are made or designed for deaf people like having capable of use 911, flashing lights, vibrating alert, and other alarm system.

Trained technicians from cable or phone services or VRS should help deaf people to install when requested.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

