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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EX PARTE PRESENTATION: In the Matter of Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2012, I left voice mail messages on behalf of Sprint with Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn and Nicholas Degani, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai dealing with the emergency order on Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service ("IP CTS") now being considered by the Commission.¹ Based on my understanding of what is included in the draft order, I expressed Sprint's support for adopting emergency rules addressing the highly questionable marketing practices by certain providers of IP CTS. However, I stated that the Commission's order should not also include a requirement that a user registering for IP CTS provide a certification from an audiologist that the registrant's hearing loss is more than -70 dB. In this regard, I stated that Sprint supported the position of the associations representing the deaf and hard-of hearing community set forth in their December 19, 2012 Joint Letter to the Chairman and each of the Commissioners.² I suggested that any such certification requirement should be considered in a notice and comment rulemaking proceeding.

Sincerely,

Angela Kronenberg (by email)
Nicholas Degani (by email)
Priscilla Argeris (by email)

¹ I also left a voice mail message with Commissioner Rosenworcel's office asking to speak to Priscilla Argeris, the Commissioner's wireline legal advisor, and outlining the purpose of the call.

² The following organizations submitted the letter: Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc., the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy Network, the Association of Late-Deafened Adults, the Hearing Loss Association of America and the National Association of the Deaf.