

I just scanned the Amicus Brief and am impressed and satisfied. Reasons I liked the brief:

- it focused on the responsibility of the FCC to focus on Functional Equivalency (FE).
- it cautioned the FCC that "the burdens of reducing fraud and inefficiency do not fall on deaf and hard-of-hearing consumers—the very population the VRS program is intended to serve."
- it recognized that NAD lacks the data and the expertise to evaluate particular rate orders", but "it opposes any regulation that frustrates the progress of VRS toward functional equivalence."
- it recognized that while telecommunication services have made progress towards FE, we still have a long way to go and several examples were given.
- * it brought out the need for specialized interpreters in the field of medicine and legal services (comment: I could add more specialties such as financial, report of various forms of abuse as my wife, as an educator, has observed interpreters that handled the reporting of sex abuse of deaf children very poorly.)

While I was questioning NAD's support of Sorenson's as a "friend of the court" because of my lack of trust in the SVRS organization, after reading it, I am impressed with how well it was written, how complete the filing is, and approve of this support of Sorenson's filing. While I'm no lawyer, nevertheless, I'm pleased with the filing.!!!

