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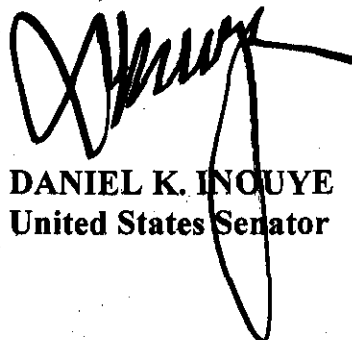
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to share with you some concerns about the proceeding before the Federal Communications Commission regarding the rate plan for Video Relay Service (VRS). VRS is a broadband-based relay service that enables my deaf constituents to communicate in real time in American Sign Language. In addition to being a critically important service, VRS is also driving broadband adoption among the deaf, where broadband adoption has otherwise lagged.

Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that the FCC promote efficiency, improved technology, nationwide access, and functional equivalence for the deaf. Many of my constituents are concerned that the proposals being considered by the Commission would roll back progress toward functional equivalence and would negatively affect the ability of deaf consumers to access VRS. It is essential that the Commission establish a fair and predictable VRS rate that promotes the goals of the ADA and encourages innovation and advancement in communications services for the deaf.

Aloha,



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