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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you regarding CG Docket Nos. 03-123 and 10-51; DA 12-1644, Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program.

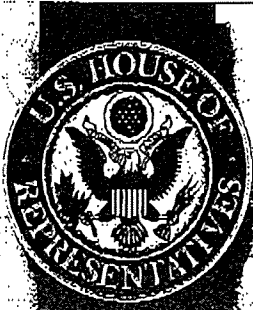
I appreciate efforts by the FCC to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in programs under the purview of the commission. As the FCC reviews these docket numbers, I respectfully ask that, in the process of implementing any potential changes, those who depend upon video captioning not be adversely affected. The Video Relay Service (VRS) is often the only form of communication for many hearing impaired Americans. Allowing for fair competition of choice and easy-to-use access by the end users of this service should be maintained. I would appreciate the FCC working with the deaf and hearing impaired community before any VRS changes are made. It is important that we do not potentially disrupt the video captioning service for those that depend upon it and not stifle future innovation.

Thank you for your review of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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