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Federal Communications Commission
Chairman & Board Members

Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Michael Copps, Commissioner Robert McDowell, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker:

Dear Sirs/Ms:

I am extremely concerned about the recent FCC ruling on February 25, 2010 (DA 10-314), as it could have negative ramifications to me, and my many deaf friends. This is a civil rights setback toward the employment of people who are deaf, which could lead to reduced employment opportunities among the deaf in the VRS industry who serve their community.

Given this ruling, valuable companies such as Purple Communications could go out of business, and the deaf and hard of hearing community could potentially be left with a single, dominant provider without the opportunity to choose another provider that better fits their individual needs.

It is my understanding that Purple needs to repay the FCC retroactive payments based on the new ruling, which could financially devastate them. I respectfully request that the FCC permit the release of funds owed Purple this week, allowing them to resolve any historical issues and I can continue using Purple – or any other VRS provider of my choosing.
Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

David L. Jones

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