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Ms. Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
WT Docket No. 96-198

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Wednesday, June 17, 1998, Karen **Peltz** Strauss of the National Association of the Deaf Brenda **Battat** of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc., Claude Stout of Telecommunications of the Deaf, Inc., and Alan **Dinsmore** of the American Foundation for the Blind took part in two meetings with **Elizabeth** Lyle, John Spencer, Susan Kimel and others from the Wireless Bureau, Pam Gregory and Meryl **Icove** from the Disability Issues Task Force, Ari Fitzgerald, and Chairman Kennard to discuss issues concerning the above docket on telecommunications access. A sign language interpreter and a real time transcriber were also in attendance at the meetings.

At the meetings, we raised the following issues:

- The extent to which the FCC will adopt the Access Board guidelines;
- Use of the ADA analysis of "readily achievable" and the improper use of certain factors such as cost recovery and market considerations;
- Expanded scope of Section 255's coverage for advanced telecommunications services;
- A functional definition of software under Section 255;
- Improving the complaint process and eliminating the need for the FCC to approve formal complaints;
- **Affordability** issues; and

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- Requiring continued access **functions** as improvements to products and services are deployed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Peltz Strauss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Peltz Strauss  
Legal Counsel for Telecommunications Policy