

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act

### Important points to communicate to legislators

- Need to provide accessible digital technologies to people with hearing loss.
- Require that mobile and other Internet-based telecommunications devices and equipment be fully hearing aid compatible / offer people with disabilities use of a full range of text messaging and other popular services.
- Provide people who are DeafBlind with vital technologies they need to communicate electronically.
- Establish a process and time table for the provision of real-time text capability.
- Restore the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) video description rules.
- Require emergency announcements to be accessible through audible presentation of on-screen alerts.
- Ensure that video programming offered via the Internet will be both captioned and described.