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To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 166, Section 15, effective February 1, 2009, the Massachusetts State 911 Department becomes the Administrator for the State disability programs. These include the Massachusetts Telecommunications Relay Service and the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program for people with disabilities.

Also included in this legislation is the formation of an Advisory Committee on Accessibility to Communications Services for Disabled Persons. The Committee shall consist of representatives of state agencies concerned with advancing telecommunications access for people with disabilities and twelve (12) individuals with disabilities who will be appointed by the Governor. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The chairperson of the Committee shall also be appointed by the Governor and shall serve in such capacity for a term of one (1) year.

The Advisory Council will meet quarterly and acts in an advisory capacity to the State 911 Department and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable on all matters of policy related to the enhanced 911 service, Massachusetts Telecommunications Relay Service (MassRelay), and Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program for people with disabilities (MassEDP).

Commitment for the committee will be to meet for a full day once per quarter and all meetings are fully accessible. New members are required to attend an orientation session prior to their first committee meeting. This orientation will provide background information on MassRelay including state and federal laws governing relay service, the company involved with providing the service, quality standards and testing, as well as information on the Equipment Distribution Program. Members may also be required to serve on sub committees who work on projects between meetings.

If you are a person with a disability and are interested in serving on this important Advisory Committee please complete the attached form and attach a copy of your resume. All applications must be received by close of business, Friday, March 20, 2009.

Completed applications should be sent to: Monna Wallace
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If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at the telephone number and email indicated above. I look forward to the appointment of the Advisory Committee and to advancing the communication access for all people with disabilities in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Monna Wallace
Director of Programs

Enclosure