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# Texas Commission for the Deaf

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Executive Director

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The Honorable Betty Andujar  
Texas State Senate  
P. O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas 11

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Senator Andujar's Office

Dear Senator Andujar:

This is to thank you for your interest in and support of the work of this Commission in its struggle to adequately provide needed services to the deaf community of Texas. As you know, the funding levels presently being considered by the Senate Finance Committee place future Commission services to the deaf citizenry of Texas in serious jeopardy. To begin with, the funding levels recommended by the LBB (ie \$89,644 for FY 1978 and \$91,011 for FY 1979) are grossly insufficient if the Commission is to continue as a service provider for the 110,000 deaf citizens of Texas. Based on those recommendations, the Commission's service program to the 28,000 elderly deaf Texans will be totally eliminated. Additionally, a significant reduction in total number of deaf persons (as well as the present number of geographic areas) served through our interpreter service program will be required.

In considering our present level of services which is budgeted for \$120,685, the Commission will be able to continue with our elderly deaf services program and provide interpreter services to approximately 1,800 deaf persons in FY 1977. However, I should also mention that based upon the current rate of requests for interpreters, and the present number of service provider areas (see attached listing of Commission established community-based interpreter service areas), the Commission's appropriation for interpreter services will be depleted by May of 1977. As you can see, a request to the Governor for emergency funding will even be necessary this year.

In order to direct our attention toward developing a true statewide program as mandated, the Commission has requested \$244,112 for FY 1978 and \$251,290 for FY 1979. What these figures mean is a continuation of services to the elderly deaf, and a fairly substantial increase in number of individual deaf persons served



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through our Interpreter Service activity, as reflected below:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Number of Deaf Served</u>
1977	\$120,685 (current budget)	1,800
1978	\$244,112 (budget request)	4,800
1979	\$251,290 (budget request)	6,480

It should also be mentioned that the budget level request indicated herein for FY 78-79 does not take into account the important recommendations made by the House Social Services Committee in their September, 1976 Interim Report to the 65th Legislative Session.

Again, thank you for your concern relative to the welfare of the Texas deaf community and the work of this Commission. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to call upon me again.

Sincerely,



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### INTERPRETER SERVICE AREAS

The Texas Commission for the Deaf is pleased to announce that through contractual agreement with existing local service organizations it is now providing community based interpreter services for the Deaf in twelve (12) of the twenty-six (26) metropolitan areas. The twelve (12) areas are listed below.

This State network of interpreter service is made possible through Legislative funding specifically appropriated for the purpose of bridging the communication barrier which traditionally prevents deaf persons from receiving basic human services that are accessible to others in the community. Through this Texas Commission for the Deaf program, over 2,500 interpreter hours have been provided deaf Texans during the past nine (9) months.

Austin-Travis County Services  
for the Deaf  
2201 Post Road, Room 100  
Austin, Texas 78704  
TTY or Voice: 512-444-3323

Goodwill Industries  
715 28th Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79408  
TTY or Voice: 806-744-8419

San Antonio R.I.D.  
6487 Whitby Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78240  
TTY or Voice: 512-696-2410

Tarrant Co. Services f/t  
Hearing Impaired, Inc.  
1598 Sunset Terrace  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102  
TTY or Voice: 817-336-7414

United Fund Info. & Referral  
1010 Waugh Drive  
Houston, Texas 77019  
TTY or Voice: 713-527-0222

Dallas Council f/t/ Deaf  
P.O. Box 38453  
Dallas, Texas 75238  
Voice: 214-341-2181  
TTY: 214-341-2718

Texas Foundation on Deafness  
1711 W. Irving Blvd., Suite 313  
Irving, Texas 75061  
TTY or Voice: 214-253-9784

Golden Spread R.I.D. (c/o ESC, Region XVI)  
1601 South Cleveland  
Amarillo, Texas 79102  
TTY or Voice: 806-376-5521

Texoma Council for the Deaf  
Medical Park Clinic, 100 Memorial Drive  
Denison, Texas 75021  
Voice: 214-463-1130

Valley Assoc. f/t Hearing Impaired  
2727 Old Alice Road, No. 47  
Brownsville, Texas 78521  
TTY or Voice: 512-541-6814

So. Texas Speech, Hearing, & Language Center  
3455 Alameda, P.O. Box 6387  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411  
Voice: 512-852-8252

El Paso Registry of Interpreters  
of the Deaf  
609 Montana  
El Paso, Texas 79902  
Voice: 915-544-8110