interpreters and court personnel to investigate and develop rules/ regulations for the provision of interpreting services.

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gain the most, wait for action? Why let the Court take the initiative? Once the Court took the initiative, they invited members of the interpreting and deaf communities to participate in the process.

But I can't help wondering: why did we, deaf people, who stand to lose the most and gain the most, wait for action?

Members from both communities declined the opportunity or showed mild interest and involvement. That appalls me.

For interpreters, especially the Ohio Chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, this was a bonanza of an opportunity to gain greater recognition of your own organization, to gain credibility and recognition for the RID certification process (which ultimately benefits RID- - more work, more money) not to mention the opportunity to adhere members of your profession to a higher standard and demand greater respect from the community at large. And you said no, thanks?

Too busy to work for social justice? For recognition of your field? Of your governing and certification body? To serve as allies for the community that provides you with your living? To be allies, as members of the privileged elite (read- able-

Deaf people can fight for their own rights but success is far more assured when people in privileged positions of power step in and contribute to the struggle for equal citizenship.

bigger travesty. Your own rights and where were you? The Ohio Association of the Deaf and other organizations serving the deaf and hard of hearing population declined to

opportunity to st the opportunity to make history and without having to start from scratch, without having to do all the work or even having to go through the hassle of convincing the Supreme Court that this needed to be done. Half of the work, half of the challenge, was already accomplished. In Indiana, the deaf community is upset that they were not asked for their input on the ISD board appointments. They wanted input. The deaf community in Ohio was offered the opportunity and we did not take advantage of that.

Fortunately for us, Hallenross, an interpreting agency in central Ohio operated by Ben Hall and Linda Ross, stepped in and volunteered to regularly attend the meetings and to consult on the C

process from the very beginning, investing hundreds of hours and volunteering members of their staff. The Ohio Supreme Court has now approved new standards