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.