Submission from Karen Mason

I wanted to send an email in support of the BSL Act.

I am currently learning BSL Level 3 and I am becoming more involved and I have a bit of a better understanding of the community.

I have made new friends through learning this visual language and I strongly believe that it should be taught in Primary Schools throughout Britain. For some people it is their first language and yet the majority of British people cannot communicate with them?!?!

I see first hand the barriers they are up against and want to support their community for them to have equal access.

It is expensive for learners to pay for tutors to learn BSL.

I hope to become an interpreter in the future.
I have voluntarily helped a friend on a few occasions when an interpreter hasn't been available. There should ALWAYS be an interpreter available!

Thank you for reading this and I look forward with interest!

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