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Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman

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Re: Comments to Media Bureau on Video Description Marketplace Improvements (DA 19-40)

Dear Chairman Pai:

The only problem that I see to providing descriptive video services for the blind, is that not all networks do it. I have a stereo TV and VCR. And I have Xfinity through Comcast, which is another tool to provide me audio descriptions. But what I would say, is that it should be mandatorily required for all networks to provide descriptive video services not just for the commercials during the Super Bowl, but for even what’s going out on the field during Game, as well as during the wrestling or boxing match, during a golf game, or tennis match. Even for swimming. Whenever their sports on, there should be audio descriptions. I watch everything on TV from children’s programming, to movies, to sports to all daytime and nighttime television programming. Even cartoons must provide audio description for the blind. That’s all I would say. Thank you very much.

Respectfully Submitted

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