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Dear Ms. Mullarkey,

I am writing to ask that you oppose the American Cable Association's Petition for Waiver of Accessible User Interfaces Requirements. According to the Pew Research center, there are over 40,000,000 Americans with disabilities, many of whom are elderly. This population relies on easy access to modern media in order to grow, and learn, and live independently. Granting this petition would reduce people’s access to this information. Beyond social and physical wellbeing, the loss of independence that comes with being unable to interact with modern media and technology leads to skyrocketing costs of assisted living and hospital care. Finally, as we have seen time and again, requiring companies to comply with the ADA not only benefits Americans with disabilities, but improves life for all Americans.

I urge you to ensure accessibility for all Americans by denying the American Cable Association’s request.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew Davidson