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"In the Matter of Closed Captioning and Video
Description of Video Programming (FCC 95-484)"

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 being signed by President Clinton, I would like to beseech you to pay attention to over 20 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans wanting a full closed captioning for all types of programs. Please include Closed Captioning of Video Programming (FCC 95-484) to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Closed Captioning programs are very important to deaf and hard of hearing consumers.

Thank you for your time to consider our wish for a full closed captioning for all types of programs.

Sincerely,

Clyde C. Smith
IDPA President

cc: Harvey Goodstein
NAD Vice-President

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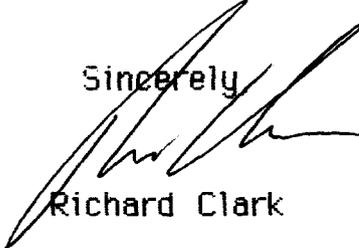
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Speaking of myself as a person who is deaf. Closed captioning has enriched my life by allowing me to visually access information. When captioning is not provided, I am excluded (by reason of my disability) from that information.

I commended Congress in their support of the Telecommuncation Act (FCC 95-484). Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming is a benfit to everyone. I am asking that you consider having all programming captioned. It is frustrating when I am excluded from a program in which I have an interest. I do not feel someone else should determined what "class" of program I would be allowed to have access.

Thank you for considering my request and looking forward to having access to all the information that everyone else has.

Sincerely

Richard Clark

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"RE: FCC 95-484 and MM Docket #95-176"

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To the Commissioners:

Paragraphs 11 & 12:

I am hard of hearing and rely upon closed captioning to follow what is being said on television. My hearing family members agree closed captioning is a great help in our household being able to watch television together. They also find it helps THEM when, during a program, someone says something too softly.

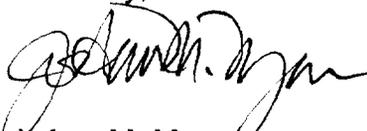
Paragraph 33:

It is quite frustrating to find that a particular television broadcast you were planning to watch has poor captioning. Words are misspelled so badly and so often that you spend a too much time trying to figure out what the words are. Most news programs in my local area cut-off in the middle of sentences whenever the announcer moves onto another topic. Also, my hearing family members have caught quite a few errors in captioning : Dates were incorrectly given, days of the week were wrong, or information was completely left. When you are hard of hearing, you are constantly trying to clarify information you receive. Closed captioning needs to be more accurate in order to provide the correct information all the time.

Paragraph 14 - 16:

I am always surprised by how many programs are NOT closed captioned. So few commercials (I would think they would want to target EVERYONE in order to access all consumers!), and some local news channels do not offer captioning. I have also rented a few movies (newer releases) and found they were not captioned! There are close to 5 million people who are hard of hearing like me who would truly appreciate maximum accessibility to all information provided hearing people via the television.

Sincerely,


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From: Sheryl Segal
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Date: 2/21/96 12:12pm
Subject: Chairman's Column Comments -Reply

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>>> <prissy.pense@rehab.state.tx.us> 01/31/96 10:13am >>>
Priscilla Pense (prissy.pense@rehab.state.tx.us) writes:

I am pleased to see our government do something to require video and television producers to provide their programs in an accessible format. I do the captioning on video communications produced by some state agencies and public entites in Texas and I am appalled at the attitudes of some of our public servants... that it takes a lot of time, money and effort to do video productions and they just don't want to add the extra time and costs associated with making their products accessible to a minority population. I know the ADA requires accessibility to products funded with public money; however, enforcing that is an awsome task. In fact, the cost and time involved in captioning is very miniscule in comparison to the overall costs of production. It's folks attitudes that need to change; however that just won't happen until the requirement is enforced and/or those folks have opportunity to experience non-accessible communications themselves. (As our babyboomer generation moves into the geriatric phase, many will have the opportunity.)

I fully support the requirement of accessibility of ALL productions, (whether produced with public funds, produced for cable TV, private training sessions, etc.) and regulating the quality of captioning being provided on television today. Please include some way to enforce the requirement and monitor the quality of captioning.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Dear Mr. Secretary -

I need - I require closed captioning - video,
presentations, etc - in order for me to
participate and enjoy a video presentation.

Please support closed captioning and
require "cc" on all video and computer
discs. I am hard of hearing.

Thank you -

Sincerely -

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