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The Office of the Secretary
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Dear Sir;

In the matter of Closed Captioning and Video Description of
Video Programing (FCC 95-484)

I want Closed Captions because, I am deaf. How can
I understand what they talk about on television? It helps me
improve a lot with reading and vocabulary.

Thank You for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in regard to the matter of Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming (FCC 95f-484).

As a deaf man I am thrilled that more technology and programming will now be available to me and my friends. I am 61 years old and have yearned all my adult life for captioned TV programs and movies. Some programs are captioned as are some videos at this time, but I am not aware of anyone providing closed captions on the big theater screens in this country, except for foreign films.

There is an additional problem in television captioning, in that programs are sometimes captioned one time, but not when they are repeated. Closed captions should be provided each time a program is shown. Also, many emergency announcements are not captioned at all, and we deaf people are left to wonder what is going on.

Please support the expansion of closed captioning and real-time captioning on television. Stress our desire for captioned emergency announcements, and our desire to have special technology to enable us to enjoy big screen movies, as the hearing population does.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eddie Feller, Sr.

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Speaking for 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 commend Congress in their support of the Telecommunication Act (FCC 95-484). Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming is a benefit 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,

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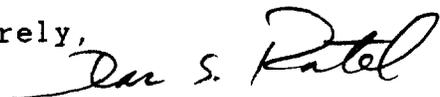
Dear Madam/Sir;

In the matter of Closed captioning and Video Description of Video Programing {FCC 95-484}.

I want Closed Captions because, most Deaf and Hard of Hearing people live in America. So they have a hard time to understanding on the t.v. shows, moive, and video. They are be must with Closed Captions. If all of that have are clear to understanding a lot. They will enjoy with all shows on t.v. Madam/Sir, you must be to understanding to what will Deaf and Hard of Hearing People need!!!

Thank you for Your cooperation!

Sincerely,



Darshitkumar "Dar" Patel

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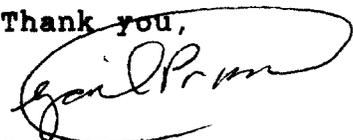
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Dear Sir:

In the matter Of Closed Captining and Video Description of Video Programming. [FCC 95 484].

I want close captions because I need to understand what close caption say on television. I want to read close caption to make me understand and also improve my English. Please use close caption for G.E.D. I like old fashion, shows and programming. Please do not Iimit close captioning.

Thank you,



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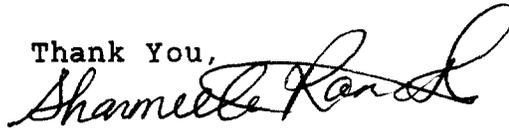
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Dear Sirs:

In the matter of Close Captioning and Video Description of Video Programming (FCC 95484)

I want Close Captions because I need to understand what all programs say and also to learn English. I would like that all channels from 1 through 80 for Close Captioning, also Video Description of Video Programming. Close Caption is very important to me because to help me understand what they are saying on television because I am deaf. Please do not limit Close Captions.

Thank You,



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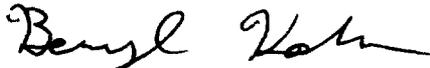
Dear Sir;

In the matter of Closed Captioning and Video Description of
Video Programing < FCC 95-484 >

I want Closed Captions because, most deaf people have a hard
time to understanding voice without the Closed Captions on the tv.
Also, because it make better English language.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely,



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Harris I. Hand
P.O. Box 2247
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Dear To Whom It May Concern:

In the matter of Closed Captioning and Video description of Video programing (FCC 95-484).

I want Closed Captions, because I am Hearing Impaired and Usher Syndrome person. The Closed Caption is extremely significant for me for reading to understand!

I am complain that someone will decide that there will less of Closed Captain programming. I think that it is extremely important for deaf people. The deaf people should reading to understand about Closed Captain on the Television.

They should learn about their News, Weather Channel, Movies, Soaps, Cartoon, Games and more details different program on the Television.

Whether the deaf people do not have Closed Caption programming, except they do not understand their behavior movement or do not understand their lipreading on the Television. They did not learning anything on the Television. If you will agree with deaf people that they should purchase Closed Caption and will accommdating them to read understand on the Television!

I just tell you the truth that it is extremely important about the Closed Captain for Deaf People. If you have any questions then, please feel free write to me.

Yours Very Truly,

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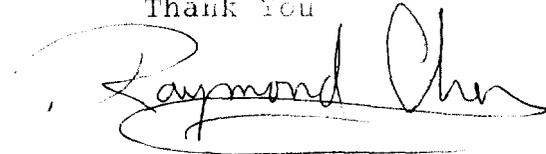
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Dear sirs:

In the Matter of Closed Captioning and Video Description of Video
Programming (FCC 95484).

I want closed captions because I don't understand the shows and
program about the news. I need caption to take the shows, movies,
comedies, cartoons and scaps. I like captions on all shows.

Thank You



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25 February 1966

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Re: Notice of Inquiry #95-484

I am a 66-year old retired naval officer with a moderate hearing loss in one ear and a moderate to severe loss in the other ear.

At low sound volumes I am lucky to get 50% of the information in a TV program, even when wearing two hearing aids. When I increase the volume to where I can get over 75% of the information, my neighbors also know what program I am watching. For program enjoyment, I need closed captions.

I would like to see directives/legislation enacted that would prohibit a TV station AND/OR a cable company from stripping captions from a TV program.

I am sure your organization knows the statistics concerning the number of deaf/hard-of-hearing (d/hoh) persons. It is approximately 10% of the population. Yet only 4% or less of the basic programs are captioned.

Studios that produce programs AND sponsors (advertisers) of programs are trying to reach all the population by having their programs/ads closed captioned. If 10% are d/hoh, and if only 1% of this population segment responds to an ad or watches a program, their ratings/bottom line has increased substantially: much greater than the miniscule cost of adding closed captions.

TV stations can confuse and render useless the decoders in our TV sets by a process called "time compression" and/or "lexiconning". They do this by running the original tape/film a few frames faster than the original closed caption item. This speed increase confuses the decoder and we see nothing of the CCs, or only garbled messages that looks like swear words in the comics, on the TV set. This minor "speed-up" is not sufficient to make the video action jerky. But it does permit the TV station to insert another 10-second ad, or increase a 20-second ad to a 30-second ad, at going rates.

Certain organizations in the local area encourage us to write the TV station and complain. But all we get is a nice mail-merge letter saying, in effect: we watched the show on our monitors, the closed captions were shown, you must have a problem with your decoder.

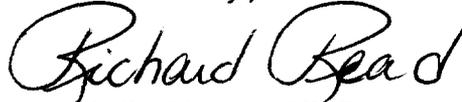
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READ: Notice of Inquiry #95-484: 25 February 1966

I have talked with some network people who say a cable company can also strip closed captions from a program in what is called "enhancement" before the cable company transmits the program over their lines. I have not found any information on why "enhancement" is necessary or what it is.

In summary, I do not think there should be laws that say "You Will Close Caption." But there should be rules/directives or legislation that says that if a program/ad is closed captioned, you will retransmit it with the closed captions intact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard R. Read". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

RICHARD R. READ

cc: NVRC
WDCA UPN Channel 20
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Reference: FCC 95-484

Dear Madam/Sir:

My wife and I and our three adult members of my family and my son-in-law are deaf. We are grateful for closed captioned television. When our children were growing up, we watched only captioned programs. As more and more programs were captioned, our viewing time increased. We are pleased that all of our primary local stations have been providing live captions for news events in the past couple years. We now feel that we have equal access as do hearing people. Are we satisfied? Not quite!

Not all programs are captioned based on our subscription to cable television. We would like to see all programs captioned in the future so we can have the opportunity to watch any show as we please rather than be limited to a few programs. As college graduates, we like to broaden our horizons but find the horizon dark.

Whenever we travel, we see there is a great need to provide captions for live news. Metropolitan Washington area is one of the very few areas in this country to provide live captions. Other cities have yet to provide captions or if they do, they only offer it at certain times.

Some stations try to speed up certain shows so they can show more commercials. When they do this, it messes up captions. It takes a phone call to the station to get them to stop doing this. This particularly occurs with Fox shows. At times, we see movies on television we know to be captioned but stations feature it without captions. There are documentary shows we wish to view but many are not captioned.

In movies, when someone speaks a foreign language, we wish to see captions in the foreign language rather than this: (speaking foreign language) or (speaking Spanish). I recall years ago, one of the networks aired "Shōgun." They captioned spoken Japanese (sound, not their written characters). We had fun learning to recognize a few Japanese words!

In as much we have appreciated existing captions, we wish to have more options. With more options, we can then feel satisfied!

Sincerely,



John T. Mitchiner

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