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DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

SPEAKING FOR OURSELVES AS PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF. CLOSED CAPTIONING HAS ENRICHED OUR LIVES BY ALLOWING US TO VISUALLY ACCESS INFORMATION. WHEN CAPTIONING IS NOT PROVIDED, WE ARE EXCLUDED (BY REASON OF OUR DISABILITY) FROM THAT INFORMATION.

WE 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. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU CONSIDER HAVING ALL PROGRAMMING CAPTIONED. IT IS FRUSTRATING WHEN WE ARE EXCLUDED FROM A PROGRAM IN WHICH WE HAVE AN INTEREST. WE DO NOT FEEL SOMEONE ELSE SHOULD DETERMINED WHAT "CLASS" OF PROGRAM WE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE ACCESS.

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Speaking for myself as a person who is deaf. Closed captioned 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 for their support of the Telecommunication Act (FCC95-484) Closed Captioning of Video and news programs is a benefit to everyone, especially those with hearing loss. 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 think that someone else should determine what "**CLASS**" of program I would be allowed to have access to. After all I do pay taxes and I do have the right for equal access to information granted to me by the American Disabilities Act.

Thank you for considering my request and I, along with my family and friends are looking forward to the day of having equal access to all the information that everyone else has.

Most sincerely, Christopher Patterson

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