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DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

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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.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR REQUEST AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING ACCESS TO ALL THE INFORMATION THAT EVERYONE ELSE HAS.

SINCERELY,

Jeremiah M Long

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