

A letter to FCC
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ATTN: Meryl Icove

Dear Sir:

I am a deaf resident of Myrtle Beach, SC. I had been involved with the Hurricane Preparedness.

What ashame I and other Deaf community in SC and NC sit watching TV and not getting any information? I had been stonewalled by WBTW TV, WPDE and WECT TV and also the Weather Channel. I had written them 4 or more letters urging them to have real-time CC. They complained about the cost in hiring stenographers, heck, they had more reporters all over the area, they can hire stenographer to feed data into the computer. We invited a woman Lou Kirchen to speak among the Deaf community at the Dept. Of Outreach Services for the Deaf and Blind, she told us the cost of hiring stenographer. What is their excuse?? We got the high technology on our hands, yet they wont spend a dime. This TV is not equal communication access to all Deaf along the coastline. It is unfair that hearing get all the benefits in knowing what is going on. I cannot depend on car radio or battery radio. Our only resources is the TV to gather vital information about the disaster weather. You and FCC is the only back bone to urge all TV for emergency needs or mandatory to have real time CC.

I wrote to Weather Channel, they wrote me back and told me they couldnt have real-time CC because of so many features on the screen, heck, look at CNN. They got many features. That is an excuse.

Please dont put off, because next time hurricane come along, deaf community is not getting the proper information.

The Weather Dropper is waste of time and effort. Deaf and HH expect to have the same equal communication access on TV as same as the hearing. We do not want second class item period. I am tired of this. If you stop playing politics then it would be too late to save life of many deaf during disaster weather. For hours and hours sitting watching Local news Weather report, not knowing what heck is going on. Stop this game. Get this thing going.

I had to argue with a lot of TV about this real-time CC about the disaster weather. They think large picture is enough. Heck with that. That is giving us second class citizen cheap way out.

I think the FCC made a big mistake in voting with the Telecommunication and not enough meat to urge all TV to have real time CC and all movies to be CC. I dont want 95%, because they can get away with 5%. I want same as hearing 100%.

One of the hardest part is contacting Deaf and HH during the disaster weather as Bonnie Hurricane. The email backlogged, the TTY is hard to contact. Best way to contact all Deaf thru pagers. It is a lifesaver to alert hearing impairments about what types of disaster weather, what

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they suppose to do and which nearby shelter to attend. It works thru satellite. We had problem with the power and the phone line. The best resources is the pager for hearing impairments.

You dont live down where I live during all this Hurricane approaching. You dont understand. If you care about Deaf's life then do something about it.

I think the FCC made the ruling urging all TV must have built-in CC, I am sure they can do the same thing with the real-time CC. Give them 100% tax break. You are risking my life without getting the proper information.

I honestly feel that the Hurricane that the Federal control or own, should have real-time CC for all Deaf and warn them thru pagers for emergency warning about the disaster weather.

Thank you,

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Share this to all FCC.

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Alvin Biggerstaff (Deaf)

Kenneth Bell (Deaf)

Johnny Seals (Deaf)

Charles E. Laird (Deaf)

Danny Williams (Hard of hearing)

Delores Hall Hill (Deaf)

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Ratio: one deaf equal 10,000 hearing people.