

Anne Fesh

From: Andy Baracco [wg6r@concentric.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2000 11:44 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I Support Descriptive Video

My name is Andrew Baracco.

I live at 10444 Canoga Ave. Unit 53
Chatsworth CA 91311-2665

Phone: 818-885-8559

I support the proposed FCC rules for descriptive Video, MM Docket 99-339.

Sincerely,
Andrew Baracco

Anne Fesh

From: Slaytons [slaytons@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 10:02 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I SUPPORT DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO

My Name is Jo Ann Slayton.

My husband and I are both blind.

We both support the FCC's proposed rules for descriptive video service MM Docket No. 99-339.

This is a very valuable and worthwhile service to hundreds of blind persons around the country.

Descriptive video service, and verbalizing information connected with infomercials and advertising would be most helpful to blind persons in the U.S.

I happened to receive word via e-mail about this important proposed ruling; however, I'm concerned about many blind persons who do not know this FCC proposal would have any opposition and who, therefore, are not writing, as they are not informed on this point.

Please know that there are many blind persons who benefit greatly from descriptive video and the like!!

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

My address is:

Jo Ann Slayton

4013 30th St.

Des Moines, Iowa 50310-5944

Phone: (515) 279-4284

E-mail

slaytons@earthlik.net

Thank you for your consideration and support of descriptive video services.

Anne Fesh

From: Gary Lee [gdlee@bsu-cs.bsu.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 3:08 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

Gary Lee
1221 West Riverside ave.
Muncie, in 47303

I am totally blind and strongly support the rules for descriptive video proposed in MM docket #99-339. This is primarily the same issue as put forward by the deaf community for closed captioning. We, the blind TV watchers of America deserve the same treatment.

Gary Lee
Ball State University
765-285-1310

Anne Fesh

From: Laura Park-Leach [lparkleach@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 8:12 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

Laura Park-Leach
Metrolina Association for the Blind
704 Louise Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204

I believe that all people deserve equal access to television. Decriptive video provides that opportunity for people who are blind and visually impaired. Our agency represents over 100 people who regularly utilize descriptive video movies and would like to see this become a standard on television.

I SUPPORT DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO ON TELEVISION!

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From: Sandra Merchant [SMerchant@mail.vetmed.lsu.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 11:13 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: Descriptive Video

I support descriptive video. My son loves it.

Sandy Merchant Taboada

Anne Fesh

From: Ellen Bergstrom [ebergstrom@excelonline.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 9:38 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

My name is Ellen Bergstrom, and although I am not blind, I see much value in and support the FCC proposed rules for descriptive video MM Docket No.99-339. Making descriptive video a choice for all television viewers, much like closed captioning is today, allows access to information and entertainment to all. I can think of occasions where I would appreciate the choice of having descriptive video, even though I have sight, listening to a TV show or movie while I'm working in another room, for example.

Even more important though, is the access it would give to my friends who are blind. Although they accept it with good grace, they get frustrated when we are watching a show and they miss the dramatic pause or the facial expression that makes the rest of us erupt with laughter a second later.

Please consider joining me in support of the FCC proposed rules for descriptive video MM Docket No.99-339.

Thank you,
Ellen Bergstrom

Anne Fesh

From: Harvey Heagy [heagy@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2000 9:53 PM
To: Info@ACB.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

6525 Park Manor Dr. apt 43
Metairie, La. 70003.
Mar. 20 2000

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a blind person, and In the matter regarding MM Docket number 99-339, I wholeheartedly support the proposed rules governing Descriptive Video. I think this is a service that can greatly enhance our lives and with the visual medium of today relying more and more on visual effects rather than dialogue I feel that access to this medium for blind people is paramount and now. Please implement the proposed rules as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harvey Heagy

Anne Fesh

From: Donna Miller [DONNA@ccadnet.c-cad.org]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 10:30 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I Support Descriptive Video.

My name is Donna Miller
Address: 7373 Valley View Lane apartment 1013

Dallas, Texas 75240

I am a blind person who supports Descriptive Video and I believe that rights to have it are long overdue.

Donna Miller

Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled
Phone: 214-800-2223
Email: donna@mail.c-cad.org

Anne Fesh

From: William Tucker [wtucker@hiwaay.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 10:25 AM
To: Info@ACB.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

MM Docket number 99-339 Descriptive Video

William Tucker
1001 O'Shaughnessy Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801

I am Blind and support the Video Descriptive initiative

Anne Fesh

From: David Maynard [maynard@dnet.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 11:08 AM
To: Info@ACB.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

To Whom it may concern:

I am totally blind and support descriptive video under "MM Docket number 99-339."

With the tornado and hurricane season upon us, it is very disconcerting to here a weather advisory being sent across the TV screen and hear only a Beeping alert and have no idea what the advisory contains.

Respectfully,

David C. Maynard
171 Forest Ave., Apt. 106
Franklin NC 28734

Anne Fesh

From: sjeffers@supreme.cde.ca.gov
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 11:32 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive programming

Descriptive video should be mandated for all television programming. I am a counselor at the CA School for the Blind, and see a tremendous need for descriptive programming, not only because it is useful to the blind and visually impaired population, but because they deserve to have access to all the same information as a sighted person.

Sara Jefferson

Anne Fesh

From: David Edick [DEdick@SeattleLH.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 12:23 PM
To: 'info@acb.org'
Subject: I support descriptive video

David Edick
333 West Lippert Dr. #A101
Port Orchard, WA 98366
I am a blind individual who supports the FCC proposed rules for descriptive
video MM Docket No.99-339.

Thanks

Anne Fesh

From: Sarah J. Phaneuf [sjp_mab@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 12:56 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

To Whom it May Concern:

I am not a person who is blind, but I work at Metrolina Association for the Blind and am an advocate. I see first hand how many people benefit from this service because I have over 100 local consumers who participate in our Descriptive Video service (which is very similar to the National Library Service for the Blind.) This list of consumers grows weekly as more find out about DVS and it's availability through us.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the FCC proposed rules for Descriptive Video and equal access to television programming for people who are blind and visually impaired

Sarah J. Phaneuf

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Rehabilitation Teacher/Counselor
Metrolina Association for the Blind
Charlotte, NC

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From: Don Bishop [donbishop49@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 1:10 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I SUPPORT DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO

My name is Donald Bishop, address: 390 Thornton St. San Leandro Ca 94577.

I am totally blind and wholeheartedly support Docket Number MM 99-339.

Implementation of such a proposal will greatly assist blind people in more fully participating in the television experience which is such an important factor in today's life.

Thank you,

Donald Bishop

Anne Fesh

From: Al Gayzagian [algayz@world.std.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 1:44 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

The two of us, Al and Betty Gayzagian, both blind, have enjoyed descriptive video programming since its inception on WGBH. We have found ourselves enjoying programs which we would otherwise not have even turned on. We therefore urge the FCC to continue its support of MM Docket No.99-339. We know that the National Federation of the Blind does not support this proposal, but we also know members of that organization who enjoy described programming. Unfortunately, the NFB leadership did not choose to ask their opinion. We appreciate what the FCC has done so far and urge you to stay the course with us.

We are: Al & Betty Gayzagian, 74 Lincoln Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

Anne Fesh

From: Debbie Donnellan [donmouse@access.mountain.net]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 1:53 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Debbie Donnellan, and my address is 123 Waverly Way, Clarksburg, WV 26301. I strongly support descriptive video. I think it's a wonderful service. With DVS, I can watch a movie by myself without missing any of the action that takes place. As a totally blind user, I think that the rules for descriptive video servise, as proposed by the FCC, MM Docket No.99-339 should be enforced.

Sincerely,
Debbie

Anne Fesh

From: Chief [lummy@multipro.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2000 1:52 PM
To: Info@ACB.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

FCC ,

I wish to let you know that I support descriptive video because I am blind and it would really make my life more enjoyable.
MM Docket number 99-339

Ann Nahod
304 E. Bronson St.
Sparta, TN 38583

Anne Fesh

From: Dawn Wilcox [dewilcox@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 6:54 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

Dear ACB, I am a blind RN and support having descriptive video on TV. How can blind people keep up with current information which is necessary when competing for jobs with out having DVS to enhance the audible portion of a show. And how can we buy items that we don't know about because certain adds are only visual with music and no speech. I mostly look at PBS because it has some DVS. I think we of the blind and visually impaired community have as much need of information of all kinds as the not currently impaired folks and the deaf who have captioning.

I support FCC proposed rules for descriptive video MM Docket No.99-339.
Thank you Dawn Wilcox RN, 810 Wintergreen Way Palo Alto CA 94303

Anne Fesh

From: Jerry Berrier [berrier@banet.net]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 7:29 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I Support Descriptive Video

I am a person who is blind, and I place high value on Descriptive Video.

I have listened to many movies with Descriptive Video and realized that, although I enjoyed them immensely, my enjoyment was in large part due to the descriptions. I would have missed much without them.

It goes far beyond enjoyment, though. The audio descriptions "level the playing field" to some extent for me, and that is extremely important.

I support the FCC proposed rules for descriptive video MM Docket No.99-339.

Jerry Berrier
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Shrewsbury, MA 01545
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Anne Fesh

From: Dan Roy [dir@bytemeusa.com]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 7:47 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video

Hello

My name is Dan Roy
I am a blind citizen of the US.
my address is;
720 E Old Willow Rd.
Prospect Heights, IL 60070
I support the FCC's proposal for descriptive video rules MM Docket
No.99-339.

Anne Fesh

From: Sharkent@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 8:42 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video.

My name is Sheila Styron, and I am blind. I reside at 1215 N. Olive Dr. #306 W. Hollywood, CA 90069. I M writing to strongly express my support of the FCC's proposed rules for descriptive video MM Docket No.99-339.

Anne Fesh

From: Vicki Ratcliffe [vickirat@smart.net]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 8:38 PM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I Support Descriptive Vidio

From: Vicki Ratcliffe

Address: 203 Yoakum Parkway, Unit 920, Alexandria, Virginia 22304

Date: March 13, 2000

To: American Council for the Blind

Subject: I Support Descriptive Vidio

This message is being written to express support for FCC proposal MM Docket 99399 and to encourage the FCC to pursue its efforts for descriptive vidio through television media. I am totally blind and feel that descriptive vidio of programs would enhance opportunity to gather the same information as our sighted counterparts. Having used audio description in the theater has increased my awareness of stage performance and has allowed me to obtain equality of information as others. Expanding these efforts in to the world of television will enable blind people to maintain awareness of world events and obtain equal status with sighted consumers while "seeing" programs of choice.

Thank you.

Anne Fesh

From: Charles Crawford [CCrawford@ACB.org]
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2000 4:25 PM
To: Info@ACB.org
Subject: I support Descriptive video

My Name is charles crawford. My address is 1906 rookwood road in silver spring Md 20910 and I am blind. I support the fCC proposed rule for descriptive video (MM docket number 99-339)

Anne Fesh

From: Shig Toda [TodaS@state.mi.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2000 7:36 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: I support descriptive video.

Hi:

I support the FCC proposed rules for descriptive video MM No. 99-339. If deaf people have access to closed caption, I don't see why blind people can't have the equal privilege. I am totally blind. When I watch TV, I almost inevitably need someone to describe the screen to me. It would be wonderful if I can enjoy the program without having to depend on another person.

Sincerely,
Shig Toda
4307 Lake Forest Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Anne Fesh

From: heinl@juno.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2000 8:07 AM
To: info@acb.org
Subject: i support descriptive video

As a totally blind person I support the increase use of descriptive video. The National Federation of the Blind does not speak for me or for that matter does not speak for a majority of blind people. Please disregard their self serving position on this matter and include blind people in the American dream.

Thank you,

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