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DEAR SECY-SALAS,

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
THE NECESSARY ESSENTIAL INFO.
SERVICES TO THOSE OF US WHO
ARE VISSUALLY IMPAIRED.

DOCKET NO. 99-339 MY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS OPPOSE RE-
CONSIDERATION ON THE REPORTED
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SINCERELY YOURS, F.A.B.

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Magdalena Elias

Re: Docket # 99-337

Federal Communications Commission

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Sirs. We want to thank you for voting to require the networks to video describe their programs on TV. Without video description in the movies - except for general cinema theatres - I get shushed by other movie goers who do not understand that my husband, a judge here in Yonkers, is legally blind and that I am describing the action to him. We have bought the DVD video tapes of old movies and have enjoyed them very much. We brought a packet from General Cinema to our local

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how wonderful it would be
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We understand that the petitioners
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mation which was not known to
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For all these reasons we are in
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in video description.

Very truly yours
(Mrs Joseph) Jansica Rocca

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Megalie Salas, Sec.
The Federal Communications Commission
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Please Consider the needs of the
low vision and Blind and their need
for video description in television, movies,
or any film releases that may be of
interest and needs of the Blind. I am
referring to Docket No. 99-339.

I am in opposition to petitioners for
reconsideration of the reported order on
video description.

Thank you for what has been done
in our behalf, and please, may we go
forward?

Sincerely,
Otella Robeson

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Otella Robeson
2835 S. Fort Ave. Apt. 904
Springfield, MO 65807

Anne B. Donald
505 Cypress Point Dr. #45
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Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
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RE: Docket No. 99-339,
Comments in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

Please uphold the July 21st ruling of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on providing video description for television programming. As a blind rehabilitation therapist, I know how much the visually impaired persons with whom I work appreciate the audiodescription they have experienced at audio-described theatre shows or on audiodescribed video-tapes during their rehabilitation program at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center. I believe that, just as the hearing impaired have closed captioning, so should persons with sight loss also have access to television audio-description be available to the blind and visually impaired.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for your courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing this essential information service to people who are blind and visually impaired. Please stick by your decision and do not bow to the petitioners among whom are the TV, cable, and motion picture industry associations.

Sincerely,
Anne Berenice R. Donald
Anne B. Donald

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McDowell Center for the Blind, by Susan Willis: Support for Video Description

From: "Eugene Willis" <willise@mindspring.com>
To: <access@fcc.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 7:29 PM
Subject: Docket No. 99-339

I support Docket No. 99-339 for I believe that it will help a lot of consumers and visually impaired friends to be able to access television in a much better way.

Since entertainment is high on many individual's lists, this can make television entertainment more entertaining.

Thank you for your support.

Susan Willis
Vocational Evaluator
Charles W. McDowell Center For The Blind

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Mr. Thomas Miller (Maryland): Opposition to Petitions for Reconsideration

From: tr.miller@dol.net
Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2000 5:32 PM
Subject: Re: Video Description "captioning" for TV

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>>> "T.R. Miller" <tr.miller@dol.net> 10/30/00 04:11PM >>>
Attention: Magalie Salas, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission
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Thank you for your action requiring TV networks to begin providing video descriptive service with programming.

The closed captioning for audio impaired people has been of great assistance to those who are hard of hearing in not only enjoying the content of TV programming but appreciating the content value of TV advertising. This is especially true where there is some national or regional accent that might impair understanding of what is being said.

I appreciate the ability of video descriptions being able to enhance the enjoyment and value of TV for those who have visual problems. My wife enjoys a number of programs - even though her enjoyment and understanding is substantially limited by the lack of sight. Video-description enhancement would make her TV experience much more enjoyable and beneficial AND much less frustrating -- she would have so much greater understanding of what is happening.

It is my understanding that there are those who are opposed to video description enhancement of TV programming and who are petitioning FCC to reconsider the order to add this feature to programming, per Docket No. 99-339. Please accept this correspondence as my opposition to those who would prevent that valuable feature to be added to TV programming.

I realize that adding the video description feature will cost money -- so does everything else we enjoy in this life. The value of closed captioning for the hard of hearing should provide enough understanding to also perceive the value of video descriptioning to the same TV programs.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Miller
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Rising Sun, MD 21911-0586

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Office of Secretary

Re: Docket No. 99-339

IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION

Dear Secretary Salas:

I want to tell the Commissioners of our appreciation for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing the essential service of video description for people who are blind and visually impaired. As the librarian for the Sub-Regional Library for the Blind here in Nassau County, NY, I am perhaps more aware of the value of this service than an individual can be. My awareness is in the *aggregate*.

Many of our thousands of readers of Talking Books, tell us of the value of descriptive films and videos to their lives. Also, I have watched descriptive videos in group audiences with our readers and the enjoyment and understanding they evince is utterly amazing to watch. In order to provide this pleasure for our blind and visually impaired readers, we have had to purchase a few expensive (for us, a non-profit library) videos.

Having description for blind and visually impaired people by turning on the TV set after April, 2002, will help them increase their access to information, and assist them in understanding the visual aspects of television programming. What a wonderful time that will be.

All citizens in our democracy deserve access to information.

Please know how important the Commission's ruling is. I cannot imagine how the Federal Communications Commission could possibly reconsider.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy Puryear

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Judge Joseph Nocca and Mrs. Barbara Nocca (New York City): Opposition to Petitions for Reconsideration

From: <BNOCCA4@aol.com>
To: <Access@fcc.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 11:08 AM
Subject: FCC Ruling re:descriptive television

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Magalie Salas, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

11 Highview Terrace
Yonkers, N.Y.
Docket No. 99-339

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How wonderful it would be to be able to enjoy the great programs offered by TV--the whole family together!

We understand that the petitioners have not put forth any new information that was not known at the time the FCC made its decision.

For all these reasons we are in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order or video description.

Thank you.

Joseph and Barbara Nocca

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Jean Peyton (Nevada): Opposes Reconsideration

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To: <access@fcc.gov>, <info@acb.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 6:26 PM
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October 31, 2000

Ms Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms Salas:

I am writing to strongly voice my opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

As a blind individual, I was delighted with the Commissioners courageous vote to require networks provide blind and visually impaired persons access to programming through video description. I am distressed that some in our community think that this is not critical to inclusion. Seeing and hearing people have access; those who speak Spanish or have hearing disabilities have access; blind people do not currently have access. We only seek participation at the same level as others.

Though I receive news and weather information from television, most comedy and dramatic presentations are unavailable to me. I am unable to understand the nuances of facial expressions and cannot determine who is speaking without assistance of a seeing person. How nice it would be to 'see' the shows my friends discuss. Video described movies have been such a wonderful addition.

In July, 2000, the FCC Commissioners took a powerful position for the rights of all individuals. Those who disagree have petitioned for reconsideration. I urge you not to reconsider this landmark decision as the petitioners have not provided new information for consideration.

I look forward to video described programs on network television beginning in April, 2001, thanks to your wise decision. Please don't change your minds.

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Sincerely, Jean A. Peyton

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C. Purple: Opposition to Petitions for Reconsideration

From: <CPURPLE1@aol.com>
To: <Access@fcc.gov>, <Info@acb.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 6:08 PM
Subject: Re:Docket No.99-339

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The Federal Communications Commission
Magalie Salas, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

Re:Docket No.99-339

Sirs:

We applaud your ruling requiring the television networks to video describe their programs. It would be so wonderful for our visually impaired friends to be able to watch television with their friends and family and understand the action that is taking place.

We are appalled that petitioners have asked the Commission to reconsider its ruling, especially since they have not put forth any new information that was not known at the time the Federal Communications Commission made its decision. For all the above reasons, we are in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

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Lawrence and Beverly Ratte: Opposes Petitions for Reconsideration

From: "Larry Ratte" <La3ry@prodigy.net >
To: <access@fcc.gov >
Date: Wed, Nov 1, 2000 1:38 PM
Subject: Video Description Docket #99-339

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Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

We are submitting comments IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION. Docket No. 99-339

We wish to thank the FCC Commissioners for their courageous vote to require the networks to provide video description for television programming for those who are blind and visually impaired. This essential information service is greatly appreciated.

It is important it is for anyone who cannot see the screen to have an alternate means (i.e., video description) for knowing what's happening on the television. Our friends and family are looking forward to turning on our TV sets in April, 2002, to enjoy television shows and to use the video description to help them understand the visual aspects of the programming.

We understand that the petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling. Surely this is a crucial factor to be considered in regard to any petition to reconsider this essential ruling.

Sincerely,
Lawrence and Beverly Ratte

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Beatrice Romano (New York): Opposes Reconsideration

From: <Appy2331@aol.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 10:38 AM

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Magalie Salas, Secretary
445 125h Street, SW
Washington, D.C.
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Sirs:

We applaud your ruling requiring the television networks to video describe their programs. It would be so wonderful for our visually impaired friends to be able to watch television with their friends and family and understand the action that is taking place.

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Christine Romano: Supports Video Description

From: Christine Romano <Christine.Romano.B@bayer.com>
To: " - *info@acb.org" <info@acb.org>, " -
*access@fcc.gov" <access@fcc.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 11:01 AM
Subject: VIDEO DESCRIPTION

The Federal Communications Commission
Magalie Salas, Secretary
445 125h Street, SW
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Re:Docket
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Thank you

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Joseph Romano (New York): Opposes Reconsideration

From: "Joe Romano" <jromano19@email.msn.com>
To: <access@fcc.gov>, <info@acb.org>
Date: Wed, Nov 1, 2000 10:22 AM
Subject: Docket No. 99-339

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Magalie Salas, Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

Re: Docket No.99-339

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Thank You.

Sincerely,

Joseph F. Romano, Jr.
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Rose Ann Schaller and Francis F. Schaller (Pennsylvania): Opposition to Petitioners

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OCTOBER 31, 2000

MAGALIE SALES, SECRETARY
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12th STREET, SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

RE; DOCKET NO. 99-339

DEAR MS. MAGALIES, I APPRECIATE THE WORK FCC HAS DONE REQUIRING NETWORKS TO BEGIN DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO F/T BLIND . LISTENING TO ONE TV PROGRAM WITH YOU EYES CLOSED YOU WILL REALIZE THE NEED. THIS LETTER IS "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION." THE PETIONERS HAVE NOT PRESENTED ANY NEW MATERIAL. TO A VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSON DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO IS INVALUABLE.

TRULY YOURS,
ROSE ANN SCHALLER
FRANCIS F. SCHALLER

CC: <INFO@acb.org>

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Ms. Jeanette M. Schmoyer (Pennsylvania): Opposition to Petitions

From: Jeanette M Schmoyer <jmschmoyer@juno.com>
To: <access@fcc.gov>, <info@acb.org>, <tonyswartz@lehighcounty.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 4:17 PM
Subject: FCC

430 East Paoli Street
Allentown, PA 18103
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RE: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express my support for video description for television programming and to express my appreciation for the FCC's July ruling. I have been legally blind since age 12 and I am now 58. There are eight members of my family who have a genetic juvenile macular degeneration condition which causes legal blindness at an early age. My siblings, nieces and nephews and I will all benefit from video descriptions as well as millions of others in our country. It is a clear disadvantage for us not to be able to access television programming, whether that is storm warnings that run across the bottom of the screen or quality entertainment offered by network and cable television. I urge you to hold steady on your decision to have networks provide this essential information to people who are blind and visually impaired. The limited video descriptive services provided by Public Television is so helpful and I am looking forward to increased accessibility to television programming beginning April 2002.

The petitions for reconsideration submitted by associations of the television, cable and motion picture industry are not offering any new information that was not available and considered before the FCC decision and ruling. Please do not be swayed by the power and self-interest of these industries and do stand courageously with people who are blind and visually impaired.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

jmschmoyer@juno.com
Jeanette M. Schmoyer

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Ms. Betty Soderholm (Massachusetts): Opposition to Petitioners for Reconsideration

From: "Elin Soderholm" <E.Soderholm@worldnet.att.net >
To: <access@fcc.gov >
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2000 4:15 PM
Subject: Letter re Docket No. 99-339

Hello!

Attached please find a copy of the letter I have sent to Magalie Salas of the FCC in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

-Betty Soderholm

October 31, 2000
Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

RE: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Secretary Salas:

I am submitting comments in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description.

I want to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description of key visual element of television programming for blind and visually impaired viewers by April, 2002.

As a person with a visual impairment, I know the feeling of missing out on key elements of television programming. As a certified rehabilitation teacher with the blind and visually impaired, I know firsthand how much video description enhances the enjoyment of television for people unable to see the screen. For blind people, particularly the elderly, television is a primary source of information and entertainment.

The petitioners have not provided any new information regarding this issue which was not already known at the time the FCC reaching its decision and issued the ruling.

I strongly urge that the petitions for reconsideration be rejected.

Sincerely,

Betty Soderholm
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Harold G. Newsom
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Magalie Salas
FCC Secretary
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

It was extremely good news to hear that the Commissioners voted in July to require the TV networks to implement video description service for people who are blind or who are visually impaired. As the husband of a woman who was totally blind and who got much information, satisfaction, and pleasure from the video description service provided by the Public Television Networks, I want to say that, if she were still living, she would be eagerly looking forward to having this wonderful service available on all the major networks. As a blind person she experienced the enormous clarification and enhancement provided by descriptive video of the scene on the TV screen as it occurred. Her life was greatly enriched as a result.

It is my opinion that descriptive video should be exclusively dedicated to assisting those people who are visually impaired. Blind people CANNOT learn to see their TVs. They must rely on a service such as descriptive video to fully understand what is being shown on the TV screen. Sighted people who speak another language CAN learn the language spoken on the TV programs.

This letter is written to oppose the efforts of the petitioners who are supporting the reconsideration of the reported order on video description, Docket No. 99-339. I hope the Commissioners will not be swayed by the arguments put forward by those who oppose the descriptive video ruling.

Please convey my support of the Commissioners in their upholding the effort to implement descriptive video on the TV networks.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Very Truly yours,



Harold G. Newsom

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Ms. Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to the petitions for reconsideration of the FCC order on video description.

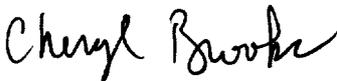
Thank you and the other Commissioners for your vote last summer requiring TV networks to begin providing essential information service (video description) to people who are blind or visually impaired. I applaud your courage and attempts to provide access to information to ALL Americans.

I am legally blind and for years have been excluded from so much important information, as well as entertainment, that is visually presented. Have you ever closed your eyes and tried to access an Internet site that is mainly graphics? Have you ever watched a television program or video with your eyes closed? It is very challenging to say the least, if not impossible, to gain any understanding or meaning under these circumstances. I do not understand why the petitioners do not believe persons who are blind or visually impaired have the same right to access information that all other Americans have. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have had the benefits of closed captioning for years. Isn't it time to provide the same rights to people who have difficulty seeing?

I do not believe the petitioners can provide any more information than has already been provided. They had the same opportunity as everyone else to present testimony and comments before the FCC made their decision last summer. I urge you to uphold your initial decision requiring TV networks to provide essential information services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. I OPPOSE the petitions to reconsider.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Brooks
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Grand Forks, ND 58201

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 REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO
 DESCRIPTION"
 Docket No. 99-339

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It is truly appreciated by
 the blind and visually impaired
 the time, work and effort
 put forth by the Commissioners
 of the FCC for their courageous
 vote requiring the networks
 to begin providing this
 essential information service
 to people who are blind and
 visually impaired, like myself.

I can't stress enough the
 importance of having an
 alternate means of knowing
 what's happening on TV.
 I look forward to the day

that I can turn on my TV and enjoy TV shows with my family without constantly interrupting them to find out what is going on, in turn, causing them to miss the show because they are giving me a description.

The value of video description is beyond compare to the blind and visually impaired and their families. It allows us the freedom to know we don't have to ask someone to watch TV with us to know what is going on.

The petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling.

This FCC ruling is a vital step in having television that is accessible for blind and visually impaired citizens.

I also know my family unit, which consist of 4 of

US are in support of
access for video description.

Thank You
Diane Ayers
P.O. Box 1965
Mt. Airy, NC 27030

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MAGALIE SALAS, SECRETARY
THE FED. COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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DEAR MS. SALAS,

I HEREBY SUBMIT MY OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOR THE BLIND. I DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE FCC'S JULY 21ST VOTE TO PROVIDE VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOR TELEVISION BY APRIL, 2002, (DOCKET NO. 99-339). I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED VIGILANCE IN THIS MATTER, SO THAT I (AND ALL THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED COMMUNITY) MAY ENJOY TELEVISION WITH OUR FAMILIES BY APRIL, 2002. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR VIDEO DESCRIPTION. THANK YOU!

Barbara L. Yamamoto

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Margaret Sales, Sec.
The FCC
445 12th St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20554
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To whom it may Concern.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for their vote regarding the network to begin providing the necessary information services to the blind & visually impaired.

We're looking forward to April, 2002, as Video Description will be available.

In regards to Docket # 97-339, we are commenting in opposition to Petitioners for Reconsideration of the reported order on Video Description.

Respectfully

Andy + Marie Rasmussen

Box 455

Greene, NE 68763

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COMMISSIONERS OF THE
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PLEASE NOTE: I AM SUBMITTING COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION.
DOCKET NO. 99-339

I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR STAND ON THIS VERY
IMPORTANT ISSUE AND THE ULTIMATE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE NOT ONLY FOR THE BLIND
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED....BUT FOR EVERYONE.

IT HAS OBVIOUSLY NOT BEEN LOST ON YOU THAT THIS DECISION EFFECTS EVERYONE
WHO HAS A VISION LOSS AND IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US....BUT I KNOW MANY SIGHTED
PEOPLE WHO THINK IS A GREAT IDEA BECAUSE VIDEO DESCRIPTION WOULD EVEN HELP
THEM....AND THEIR FAMILIES....SOMETIMES PEOPLE MOVE AROUND, GO TO ANOTHER
ROOM.....GET SOMETHING TO EAT....AND THEY WOULD NOT LOSE THE TRAIN OF
THOUGHT OR ACCESS TO INFORMATION...

MAYBE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE OPPOSERS OF THIS BILL SHOULD THINK ABOUT,
EVERYBODY WINS.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL,2002. THANKS AGAIN!

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The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in reference to Docket No. 99-339, "I am submitting comments" in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description".

I greatly appreciate the FCC's July vote to require the networks to begin providing video description beginning April, 2002. This information service is very, very important to people who are blind and visually impaired.

Can you imagine what it would be like to not be able to see the screen at all or very poorly and having no way of knowing what's happening on the television? Very frustrating. Video description is very important.

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The petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,
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2835 Regan Road
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October 30, 2000

Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I do appreciate your vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description for television programming. I am 86 years old and a combination of macular degeneration and glaucoma have left me with greatly impaired vision, in fact, legally blind.

I cannot express strongly enough how important it is for anyone who cannot see the screen to have an alternate means, as video description, for knowing what is happening on the television.

I believe the petitioners have not provided any new information which was not already known at the time the FCC reached its decision and issued the ruling. I am concerned that Docket No. 99-339 might be overturned. So I wish to state, with certainty, that I am in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video descriptions.

Thank you for your support of this great need.

Sincerely,



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