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Magalie Salas, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket No. 99-339

Official filing in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description

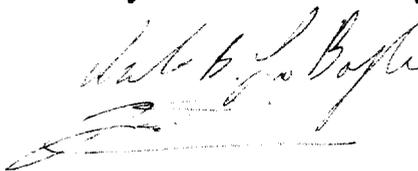
Dear Secretary Salas:

Thank you and the rest of the Federal Communications Commission for the courageous stand you took on July 21, 2000. Your ruling on video description, coupled with your previous rulings on captioning for Deaf and hard-of-hearing people, shows me that the FCC is truly committed to giving *all* Americans fair access to entertainment as well as news and emergency information. Since many of my friends are visually impaired, I cannot tell you how excited I am when I think about April 2002.

The petitioners have not introduced any new information that was not already known when you reached your previous decision. Do not let those with clear political or financial motives keep you from doing what is right. Please ensure that all people with visual impairments have equal access to television and the movies.

The NFB and Television Corporations do not want the DVS ruling to be mandatory because the cost can be prohibitive. Television and movie corporations would not voluntarily make their programs accessible. If the July 21, 2000 ruling is reversed, it will keep millions of blind persons from enjoying their favorite TV programs or movies as fully as would their sighted counterparts. Please don't let a minority affect the courageous stand you took on July 21, 2000.

Thank you in advance for your time,



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November 6, 2000

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Dear Ms. Salas:

Regarding Docket # 99-339

I am writing in opposition to petitioners who would have the Commissioners of the FCC reconsider their reported order on video description.

I do commend the Commissioners for voting to require the networks to begin providing video description service for the visually impaired.

My wife was blind and I know first hand how important it was for Doris to be able to enjoy many of the things that I, as a sighted person, enjoyed. Such made it possible for us to share our thoughts on what we were viewing.

The FCC is on the right track by requiring video description to be on television. Please hold fast. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Maurice E Brockman

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