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Re: Docket # 99-339

November 7, 2000

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

Dear Sirs:

I would like to thank the Commissioners of the FCC for your courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description of the key visual elements of television programming by April, 2002.

As a member of the Helen Keller Services for the Blind Senior Center in Huntington, LI, I urge you to stand firm on your ruling and to continue forward in your efforts toward television programming for the blind and visually impaired viewers. It is extremely important for all of us who cannot see the screen to have an alternate means of knowing what's happening on the television. I am looking forward to turning on my television set in April, 2002, and enjoying television shows with my family and friends and to use the video description to help me to understand the visual aspects of the programming.

In conclusion, I would hope that you will not reconsider your ruling of July 21st. Video description of television programs will help all of us with visual impairments really enjoy the programs we watch.

Sincerely,

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Hunting, NY 11743*

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