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**Subject:** dockett 99-339

I support the regulation requiring a few hours of described TV each week on the SAP channel. And cable and satellite providers whould not filter it out! I signed up with "direct TV" and get none of the description already available on PBS and Turner Classic Movies! This is very disappointing and annoying.

I understand there will be several extra voice channels on the digital TV. Please reserve one of these for exclusive use for description for the blind!

Ed Meskys  
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**Subject:** Docket #99-339

z,shs;or Salas, Secretary

I would like to thank you and the FCC for your vote to require the networks to begin providing descriptive video services. I am visually impaired and can't tell you how fantastic it is to be able to hear what is going on during various programs, including the news! They will sometimes refer you to the number on the screen for a particular service. If I have pen and paper in hand and can get to within ten inches of the TV, I may be able to make out the numbers.

My neighbor has a daughter who is hearing impaired and she has asked why they don't have services for the blind and visually impaired as they do the closed caption for the hearing impaired. Good question.

I do applaud your efforts and just want you to know how much we in the visually impaired community appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

I oppose the petitioners who are asking you to reconsider your order to provide descriptive video.

Thank you.

Judy McClarren

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Re: Docket No. 99-339

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am submitting this letter in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. I was very pleased with the Commissioners of the FTC for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description for people who are blind and visually impaired. In fact was eagerly looking forward to April 2002, when television shows could be enjoyed by the visually impaired due to the video descriptions.

Therefore, I urge the Commissioners, since no new information has been presented, to reaffirm the value of video descriptions and to sustain the position they took in July.

Thank you.

Linda L. Lewis

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Thank you.

Brian Lewis

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**Date:** Tue, Nov 7, 2000 7:40 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition To Petitioners On Descriptive Video

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November 7, 2000

Dear FCC Disability Rights Office:

I am submitting this letter "In Opposition To Petitioners For Reconsideration Of The Reported Order On Video Description". The official docket number is 99-339 which my letter is in reference to.

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to the commissioners of the FCC for their courageous vote in July 1999, for providing video description for television programming in the future. I'm very saddened to hear about petitions being submitted for reconsideration of this vote. I would like to state that the National Federation Of The Blind does not speak for every blind person in America as they may try to have us believe.

As for me, video description has made movies worthwhile watching. I'm really looking forward to April 2002 when I can turn on my television and enjoy shows with video description to assist me in following visual aspects of the programming.

I would like to cite a personal example. I loved the movie Apollo 13 and purchased a copy for my video collection. Recently however, I purchased another copy of it from DVS which contained descriptive video. I was amazed at all of the wonderful visual aspects of that movie I had missed. It was much more enjoyable with descriptive video being added.

I would also like to point out that as far as I know 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. Thanks again for this wonderful ruling and please let's move forward with it.

Sincerely,

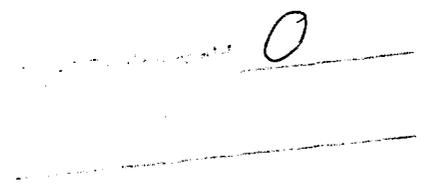
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**Subject:** Descriptive Video

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From Mike Chrisman  
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1-480-483-6584

Subject: official filings, Docket No. 99?339

Please accept my appreciation to all Commissioners of the FCC for your courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing Descriptive Video which conveys essential information service to people who are blind and visually impaired.

I am sure you can realize how 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. I have enjoyed video description on movies which I have purchased and I have been able to access it in the past! How I have been looking forward to turning on my TV set starting in April, 2002, to enjoy television shows with my family and friends and to use the video description to help me understand the visual aspects of the programming.

Let me conclude by reaffirming the value of video description and 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. This is a crucial component of any petition you make to reconsider your past rulings.

Please note that I am submitting my comments "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION".

I am very much in favor of the entertainment industry providing Descriptive Video in all Television and Movie presentations. Being totally Blind I am sure you can see the important of Descriptive Video me and the millions of Blind in America.

Yours truly, Mike Chrisman

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Mike Chrisman

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From Peggy Chrisman  
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Subject: official filings, Docket No. 997339

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**Subject:** official filings, Docket No. 99-339

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Yours truly, Richard Chrisman

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Magalie Salas, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter contains comments in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. (Docket No. 99-339), I really appreciate the Federal Communications Commission's July 21st decision ordering networks to begin providing this essential information service to the blind and visually impaired. It is very important for people who can not see the screen to have an alternate means, such as descriptive video, of determining what is happening on the television. I am visually impaired and although I have not had access to this service in the past, I look forward to enjoying it starting in April 2002.

It is my understanding that the petitioners for reconsideration have supplied no new information that was not already available at the time of the commission's ruling. Therefore, I see no reason why this decision should be reconsidered.

Descriptive video is an extremely valuable service to people who are blind or visually impaired. It will make TV watching more enjoyable, especially for sighted companions who will no longer need to describe the action on the screen. Therefore, I hope you will not reconsider your July 21st ruling requiring all networks to provide this service.

Sincerely,

Abigail L. Johnson   
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**From:** Matthew Chao <mchao@world.std.com>  
**To:** <access@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** Sat, Nov 4, 2000 7:21 PM  
**Subject:** Opposition to Reconsideration of Descriptive Video (Docket No.99-339)

Margalie Salas, et al.

I am writing to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for voting in favor of requiring descriptive video on major TV networks. Descriptive video as broadcast on some PBS shows have enhanced my enjoyment of TV programs, and virtually eliminated my need to ask others "What's happening now?"

Since your ruling, the petitioners who are appealing your decision have not presented any new information to make such a reconsideration worthwhile. Those parties appealing your ruling neglected to address the issue of making emergency information accessible to those who are totally blind, as that information is often scrolled across the bottom of the screen.

It should also be noted that the National Federation of the Blind does NOT speak for the majority of persons who are blind or visually impaired. Please uphold your ruling concerning descriptive video.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Chao

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November 4, 2000 Ms. Magalie Salas Secretary The Federal Communications Commission Dear Madame Secretary: My wife is totally blind would like to be able to watch TV with the help of video description. Thank you for requiring the networks to provide this service. I understand petitions have been submitted for you to reconsider your order. My wife is in favor of your order to require descriptive video; it will enable her to watch TV when she wants to and participate more fully in daily life. Thus this letter is "In opposition to Petitioners for Reconsideration of the Reported Order on Video Description". Sincerely, John Clapp for Sylvia Roose

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John Clapp   
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**From:** <CatherineGJohn@aol.com>  
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**Date:** Sat, Nov 4, 2000 12:11 PM  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339

I would like to express my appreciation to the Commissioners of the FCC for their courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description for television programming. This is very important for anyone (including myself) who cannot see the screen, to have an alternate means (i.e. video description) for knowing what is happening on television.

I am looking forward to turning on my TV set in April, 2002 and enjoying television shows with my family and friends and to using the video description to help me understand the visual aspects of the programming.

I am "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION."

Thank you very much, Robert E. Walker, Jr.  
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**Date:** Sat, Nov 4, 2000 9:30 AM  
**Subject:** Descriptive T.V. Viewing

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Re: Docket No. 99-339.

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

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you 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 am blind and have felt for years that I am being excluded from so much important information as well as entertainment.

I am writing in opposition to the petitions for reconsideration of the order on video description. I do not understand why these petitioners do not believe that the blind have the same right to access of information that all other Americans have, including the deaf, who have had the benefits of closed captioning for years. Please do not rescind this order.

Sincerely,

Carol Schmitt  
Re: Docket No. 99-339

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**Subject:** Ruling on Video Description

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November 4th, 2000

Dear Ms. Salas and FCC:

We are writing to express our appreciation for July vote in support of video description (DVS), and in opposition to petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on VIDEO DESCRIPTION.

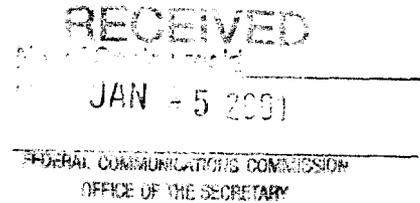
Providing description of the visuals in TV programs for the visually impaired population will be a step further in improving the quality of information, entertainment and education for the blind/visually impaired population.

As parents of a blind young child, we look forward to our son experiencing a fuller understanding of television programming, which will surely enrich his development of concepts that we (the sighted) get incidentally. This is certainly a long-awaited event for thousands of people nationwide. Just as the closed-captioning feature that the deaf population enjoys today, DVS will make television programming richer, more accesible and real , reaching a broader audience. It will also mean the acknowledgement of the blind/visually impaired as part of the viewing community. We believe DVS, like other physical access of the handicapped to buildings or employment, is not a privilege but a right that the communications technology has made possible and attainable.

We applaud the FCCs July 21st ruling and urge you to stand strong in your position. Any consideration made by the opposing petitioners does not equal the immense significance that DVS has on equal access to information media. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Maria Mercado  
 Ernesto Raices



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Mr. Richard Bird  
6991 York Road  
Parma Heights, Ohio

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

November 02, 2000

Dear Secretary Salas:

As a visually impaired person, I was deeply moved by the FCC's recent ruling on video description for television programming, docket # 99-339. Your vote of approval is cause for celebration in the blind community.

I know petitions for reconsideration have been submitted. I oppose the petitions as they bring fourth no new information. The facts remain the same as those you used to issue the ruling. I support the ruling.

Thank You,

Richard L. Bird

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Mrs. Gina Bird  
6991 York Road  
Parma Heights, Ohio

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

November 02, 2000

Dear Secretary Salas:

I am writing in regard to the recent FCC ruling on video description for television programming, docket # 99-339. First, let me say THANK YOU for your courageous stance. I will be extremely grateful each time I watch a program with my visually impaired husband and will not have to provide a running commentary on what is happening. He will know!

I understand petitions for reconsideration have been submitted by the television, cable and motion picture industries and also the National Federation of the Blind. The petitioners have no new information then that which you have already reviewed and based your decision. Please disregard their efforts and stand firm on your ruling.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gina Bird

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**Date:** Fri, Nov 3, 2000 4:43 PM  
**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339 Video description of television programming for blind viewers

Att: Magalie Salas, Secretary, FCC Re: Docket No. 99-339  
I am writing to express my opposition to the petitions being submitted seeking reconsideration of the Order on video description. I have a son who is totally blind, and video descriptions are crucial to his participation with the rest of our family in enjoying television. The ruling, set to commence in April, 2002, will greatly enhance my son's ability to receive the information that he otherwise might miss due to his visual impairment. Thank you for your consideration concerning this urgent matter.  
Sincerely,

Patti Zimmerman

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**Subject:** Docket No. 99-339

I am submitting comments "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION".

I was happy to hear that the Commissioners of the FCC had voted to require the networks to begin providing video description of the key visual elements of television programming for blind and visually impaired viewers.

I think it is very important that anyone who cannot see the screen to have an alternate means (i.e., video description) for knowing what's happening on the television. I have a good friend who is blind and I know she would very much like to know what is happening on the screen.

I am, therefore in support of Docket No. 99-339 and hope that the FCC will not reconsider their July ruling.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Official Filings, Docket No. 99-339, Opposition to order

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To: Federal Communications Commission

Re: Docket No. 99-339

Thank you for your positive ruling of July 21 of this year concerning video description for television programming. This is very important to me, especially since I am totally blind and have to use my other senses to glean from the television what others can see. I hope that you can stand strong and keep your decision in tact.

I have enjoyed in the past video description of documentaries on public broadcasting stations and full length movies that have been audio described. I believe that it is very important to have this alternative at least for these venues. Also, I believe that it is important to have audio description for other venues. For example, the weather warnings that appear on the bottom of the television screen I cannot read and would not know what is going on if someone else is not around. I think that these messages and others should be read so that us visually impaired persons would know of dangerous weather conditions and other things that are important enough to put on the screen. I am looking forward to having the audio description in April of 2002.

In summary, I am in opposition to the petitioners for reconsideration of the reported order on video description. This is especially true since there is no new evidence that has not already bring brought up. Please stand by the decision of July 21 of this year and allow us to keep the video description ruling.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Kuster

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Subject: CLOSED CAPTIONING

To Whom It mays concern,

My name is Tracy Smith in Florida. I like to ask you to inform the FCC Chairman to reconsider to go back to the traditional closed captioning which is go back to all capital letters instead of lower letters when I watched the 25 inch TV. It was hard to read the closed captioning because I am legal blind and also deaf. Please encourage all networks and closed captioning makers to switch back to traditional as all capital letters because i am visually impaired. Please email me and why does some makers made lower letters like Star Trek: Voyager and JAG? Thank you.

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Tracy Smith  
Florida

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**Subject:** docket 99-399

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RE: Docket no. 99-339

I am writing to express my concern about the petitions which have recently been submitted in opposition to the FCC ruling of last July which will introduce Descriptive Video into television programming effective April 2002.

As a totally blind citizen of this country, I appreciate the insightfulness, courage and strategy which the FCC used in making this ruling. As our citizens who are in their middle years age, they will desire and expect to continue watching television for information and entertainment. As they age, their vision will most likely be the sense that weakens first and the descriptive video offers them the opportunity to continue appreciating their televisions.

Those who speak out in opposition to 99-399, should be reminded that the technology already exists to create descriptive Video, this service will not interfere with the creative license, integrity or original intent of the programming.

I urge you to discount these naysayers as uninformed and misdirected purists.

I look forward to the addition of Descriptive Video to my television viewing in April 2002. Again thank you.

A concerned American,

Rita S. Eggert

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Docket No. 99-339

Note in your letter that you are submitting comments "IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION".

I very much enjoy and use the descriptive audio on present programs, and do not see them costing much more on other programs. Any help, is better than none. I have never heard one I'd knock.  
Thank you.

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This letter is IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTED ORDER ON VIDEO DESCRIPTION.

I wish to express my appreciation for your courageous vote requiring the networks to begin providing video description to television programming. It is very important for anyone who cannot see the screen to have an alternate means for knowing what's happening on the television. I currently receive the descriptive videos and enjoy them very much, however, they are very limited in what's available.

I cannot express how strong my feelings are for this type of programming, the value of the descriptive videos to me cannot be stated in a few words. The petitioners who are asking for this to be reconsidered must be sighted people and I realize it is hard for them to understand the importance of this to visually impaired people, but to my knowledge they have not provided any new information to the FCC.

I am 65 years old but still work at employment which is geared for the visually impaired, I cannot get a job in the regular workforce of this country. With my vision problem I do not attend functions as sighted people do, what good would it do me to go to a football game for example when I couldn't see what's going on? With the descriptive videos I can enjoy a movie, it would be wonderful to have the capability to have all programs described to me.

I strongly urge you to go forward with your decision to make this available to all of us.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

James Rogers

This letter was written by my spouse Marietta Rogers

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