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Mr. William Caton, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St SW  
Washington, DC 20554.

Reference MM Docket No. 99-339.

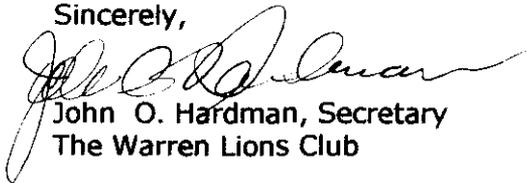
Dear Sir:

The Warren Lions Club actively works with people who are vision impaired, and we try to stay up-to-date on issues affecting their lives. We have been watching the progress of video description of television programming. We are disappointed but not surprised that the National Association of Broadcasters, the Cable Telecommunications Association and the Motion Pictures Association of America have filed a petition to further delay implementation of the video description of prime time network television programming that is to begin in a month. This last minute delaying tactic comes after other extensions granted these groups.

Lions Clubs work both with people with vision impairment and with people with hearing impairment. We have witnessed the value of closed captioning to those who cannot hear and feel that the same accommodations should be given those who cannot see. The cost is minimal, and the population who will benefit is skyrocketing with the increase in macular degeneration and other diseases affecting our older citizens.

The members of the Warren Lions Club urge you not to bow to the selfish interests pressing for this latest attempt to balk what is clearly the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

  
John O. Hardman, Secretary  
The Warren Lions Club

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