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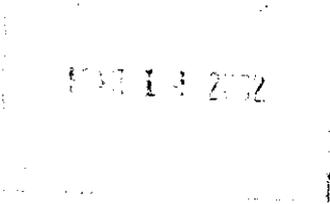
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To: Mr. William Caton  
Secretary, FCC  
Washington, DC 29554  
Reference MM Docket no. 99-339

Secretary Caton:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco regarding the television industry's compliance with Docket No.99-339 that mandates audio description of broadcast material. The industry has a compliance deadline set for this regulation in April 2002. We understand that the industry is now appealing this deadline. We want to add our voice to millions of others including the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired in protesting any extension of this deadline.

Visually impaired and blind people have been denied access to Descriptive Video Services for far too long. The television, movie and cable industries have had access both to the technology and the financial resources to ensure that this sizable part of our population can fully enjoy the educational and entertainment programming that this simple accommodation would afford.

We ask you to require the television industry to meet the April 2002 deadline and fulfill their responsibility to our communities.

Sincerely,

Jessie Lorenz  
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