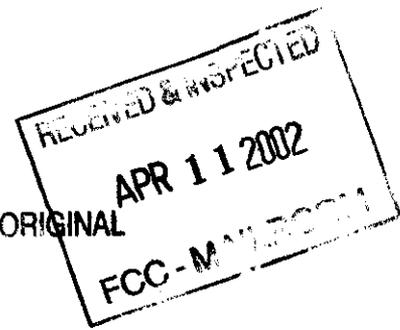


March 29, 2002

Mr. William Catan, Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary Catan,

During my life I have met many people, some are deaf, but many are blind. When closed captioning became available on television for my deaf friends, I was very happy for them. My blind friends, however, had nothing to enhance their enjoyment of television. When DVS became available on Public television it opened the doors for my blind friends to more thoroughly enjoy television.

When the FCC ruled that DVS had to be provided on major network programs, it was a major step forward for blind and visually impaired viewers. When I heard that a lawsuit had been filed to repeal MM Docket No. 99-339 I could not understand why. Shouldn't the blind be able to enjoy a mass entertainment media on the same level as the deaf?

I fully support MM Docket No. 99-339 and hope that this ruling stands and starting in April of this year, although on a limited bases for now, the millions of blind viewers will be given the right to fully enjoy television.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Ann Dobbins".

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