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Mr. William Caton, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 15th Street, SW
Washington, DC 29554

Support for Description Video Services
RE: MM Docket # 99-339

On behalf of the statewide Independent Living Centers, (ILCs) serving Californians of all ages with a variety of disabilities, I am submitting this letter of support.

CFILC is a membership organization representing 29 community-based nonprofit corporations that are designated by the Department of Rehabilitation to assist people with disabilities in leading more independent and productive lives. As grass-roots organizations dedicated to supporting public policies and funding which will improve the lives of their consumers, the ILCs support the use of Description Video Services in television programming because it will provide access to television programming for many persons with disabilities.

The use of DVS in television programming is an important step toward ensuring that all Californians have equal options when it comes to accessing the benefits of this important communication vehicle.

We urge your "aye" vote! Thank you for considering the views of California's ILC's.

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Please contact me at (310) 390-3611 or fax (310) 390-4906 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Mary Ann Jones
Board President, CFILC

cc: Charles Crawford, ED ACB
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