

As the parent of a deaf adult, I cannot stress enough the importance of accurate closed caption television programs. You cannot imagine how closed captioning has opened up the world to the deaf and hard of hearing community. Although my deaf son no longer lives with us, I frequently turn on the closed caption so that I do not miss any part of the dialog of a program. I cringe whenever I see the mistakes on the captions - mistakes that are often so bad that a nonhearing person could not understand what is being said.

Another use of closed captioning is in gyms and work out facilities throughout the country. Many of us get our morning dose of news via closed captioning while we work out. So closed caption not only services the deaf and hard of hearing community, but also those of us who are attempting to remain physically fit.

I ask you to remain diligent in requiring that all programs be closed captioned and that all closed captioning meets standards that will ensure accuracy.