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From: Fran Blitstein [blits1@cwnet.com]**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2006 12:56 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Jonathan AdersteinFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman/Commissioners:

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Francine Blitstein
2293 Armada Way
San Mateo, CA 94404

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From: Deafyoungman@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: I protest

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Your name: Brian Buckley
Your address: 7893 Tall Pines Court apt i
Glen Burnie, MD. 21061
Email: Deafyoungman@aol.com

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From: Leroy Wesley [gunnster@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 6:26 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: I Need Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Please DO NOT discontinue captioning of programs. It Seems I need it more and more all the time. All programs, in my opinion, should have a mandatory requirement for access to true captioning if needed. Because I can't hear, should NOT be a reason not to have true entertainment or news that other people can hear.

Sincerely : Larry W Bunning

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From: Rick Baker [rickbaker2006@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:25 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; CHeppner@nvr.org
Subject: Hold Those Captioning Waivers!
Importance: High

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Ten years ago the closed captioning rules were put in place. We as a nation have had plenty of time to implement captioning. Indeed, those who do caption could do better! Nevertheless, granting large numbers of temporary and permanent exemptions is bad government! You are making new rules without notice and not enforcing those on the books. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The government is to protect and facilitate the well being of its people. Sometimes that involves helping profit and non-profit entities as well; but, for the good of the people.

Please put all of these waivers on "hold" and take another look.

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Regards,
Rick Baker
Herndon VA

cc: Monica Desai
Cheryl Heppner

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From: Dreama6690@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:31 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Captioning Programs

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Bureau Chief Desai,

I am disappointed in FCC's recent decision to grant religious organizations exemptions from captioning their programs. I am profoundly deaf and rely on captioning to enjoy TV programs or movies. The deaf is already isolated somewhat from the public when it comes to effective communication. Now, we don't need to be isolated from enjoying to the fullest of being able to understand TV programs or movies through captioning. It is extremely important and contributes to our well being to have captioning available for the deaf population. It is also important that other organizations or programming not be granted exemptions from captioning.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. It is greatly appreciated!

-Dreama Baker
Dexter, MI

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From: William Briggs [wmbriggs4@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:49 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: FCC Captioning Ruling

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I write regarding the exemption the FCC has granted to religious organizations from the captioning rules. I feel the requests for waivers should have been put out for public comment as has been the practice in the past. The organizations have never demonstrated that it was an undue burden to caption their programs.

Captioning is very important to me because of hearing loss. This FCC exemption could have reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities that asked for waivers have been given consideration while those of us who have been affected have not.

I urge you to retract these exemptions. Please put the requests out for public comment.

Sincerely, Lorraine H. Briggs
13676 Armstead Drive
St. Louis, MO 63131

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From: Frank and Yvonne [good_things@verizon.net]

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Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 4:36 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDonnell; Monica Desai
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** closed captioning exemptions**Get real!**

The stations & movie makers have had time and we have waited long enough to be kept in the loop with the rest of the world!

Do you know the statistics on your likelihood on you all eventually losing your own hearing? This isn't just for people born deaf! Sleep and dream on that!

Frank A. Brauer
812 Lake Bluff Drive
Flower Mound, TX.
75028

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From: Steve Barber [steve.barber@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 1:16 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Your Regrettable Captioning Decision

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners

I am very hard of hearing. Without captions, TV programming is totally out of my grasp. I am shocked with your recent bundle of captioning exemptions.

I ask you to stop granting such exemptions except in cases of extreme hardship. I'm especially outraged that your exemptions have been summarily granted and are permanent even when the request was for a temporary exemption. I ask that you review and rescind your decisions for all cases where the exemption cannot be specifically justified based on extreme hardship.

In particular, I do not consider all religious programming to automatically qualify for exemptions, since many of the programs are simply fund raising advertisements for their producers. Indeed, some are big business enterprises whose budgets could easily afford the captioning that would make the programs accessible.

Thank you, Steve Barber

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~~OCT 16 2006~~**From:** Jana Bielfeldt [deafjana@sbcglobal.net]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 8:20 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica DesaiFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners

I am angry, outraged, upset and disappointed at the recent actions taken by the FCC. I have just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. This was a terrible decision in a recent spate of negative decisions in favor of large and small companies and ignoring the needs of people with disabilities, who don't have the power to send programs that even the "smallest" broadcaster can send over the airwaves. That decision should not stand. It should be reversed immediately.

Thanks for your prompt attention!

Jana Bielfeldt, Deaf
Deafjana@sbcglobal.net

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From: wimberleyed@aim.com**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 9:08 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai**Cc:** ed.bosson@puc.state.tx.us**Subject:** captioning

Commissioners and Chief,

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Regarding the FCC's recent practices in allowing exemptions of TV networks that ask for exemptions from providing closed captioning for its TV programs. I recently learned that the Federal Communications Commission has sent out 250 more letters granting captioning exemptions; that they are apparently poised to send out another huge batch of letters that will amount to a total of about 550 exemptions.

Nothing about these other exemptions has appeared in the FCC's Daily Digest to notify the public. The FCC is just making them available in the Public Reference Room; the public wouldn't even know to look for them there which, frankly, I thought was a sneaky way to prevent people from objecting to TV networks that ask for exemptions to provide closed captioning TV.

Say it ain't so, Commissioners and Chief..

I have a 42" HDTV myself. I have not gotten an HD receiver yet because the word out there is that captioning for digital HD TV is not very dependable and not all captioning are provided that was provided in analog TV. Any further exemptions (especially if they are permanent) is just a step back into the dark ages where deaf people are effectively blocked from accessing whatever information that they may seek. As result of that I am hesitant to get high quality HD receivers that hearing persons enjoy (full screen and enhanced video display); mostly because the FCC is hesitant - dare I say wimpy - in enforcing closed captioning for all TV networks and apply that to HD Networks as well.

I find it incredulous that in this time and age of marvelous technological innovation that seems to be racing ahead, yet we still are facing discrimination - blatant discrimination, if I would say, against people who wish to have closed captioning.

It is common sense to know that functional equivalence of audio is captioning. No one is objecting to all the millions of dollars that are spent on researching and developing high quality audio yet TV industry balk at spending less than million dollar (lot less for smaller tv stations) to provide closed captioning; balk at including the cost of captioning into advertising costs, etc.

It is intuitive to include audio in TV - of course no one argues against that; to do otherwise would simply be real dumb; it is also intuitive to include captioning in TV; to do otherwise would simply also be real dumb. If not dumb, the blatant ignorance of the needs of people who need captioning. I do not think Commissioners and Chief are completely ignorant of the needs of over 50 million people (not all are deaf or hard of hearing) nationwide who depend on captioning. (The 50 million is just an educated guess, I would suspect it is vastly underestimated.)

Please - commissioners and chief, do the right thing and require captioning -in fact require captioning in ALL TV networks, the request is not unreasonable. Ten LONG years yet we still face whining of TV networks on burden of cost in providing captioning TV.

I have a feeling that if the FCC requires captioning for ALL TV networks, we'll see heightened research and development by any interested companies to provide a cost effective closed captioning; in fact, the cost of providing closed captioning has gone down over the years and with enhanced research of captioning service providers, one can find it at reasonable costs. Furthermore, nowadays there are excellent voice to text programs; I'm sure they can be improved to a point where quality is acceptable and apply that into closed captioning service. The point is that without the FCC intervention, we will continue to face discrimination if the industry perceives the FCC to be hesitant and not to go full press ahead (halting moves by the FCC, the industry will take advantage of the perceived weaknesses and harp on them).

A classic example of this is the closed captioning chip built into a TV. Before the chip, it cost \$300 for each closed captioning device, now it cost less than \$5 to add the chip into a TV. The same thing will happen for closed captioning TV, all it requires that the FCC requires ALL TV networks provide closed captioning. It is so simple and self-evident to see that.

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It took nearly 200 years before they finally provided deaf and hard of hearing access into the telephone network. I do not think we want to wait over 200 years to finally see all TV network provide captioning; not even 25 more years; nor 10 more years. Time is now. If not now, then at most, should be 2 years (or sooner) hence for full captioning (yes, I'm aware of the dates of implementation, but this is what I believe most of us want).

Finally any exemptions granted, please make it a VERY short term (like 6 months) to allow them work solutions into their TV stations. If permanent, that is simply awful and sickening. I cannot fathom any reason why permanent exemption would be granted. I simply cannot..

A little bit of humor, but the intent of the humor is all too clear. I've often thought that religious networks that ask for exemptions that when they die, they will wake up to a grinning Satan.

Thank you for listening and reading my concerns on all of this horrifying issue of allowing exemptions for TV networks.

Most Sincerely Yours,

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From: Lawrence J. Brick [lbrick@ga-sk.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 11:50 AM
To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Kevin Martin
Subject: Exemptions for Closed Captions

Federal Communications Commission
 Office of the Secretary

Commissioner McDowell, Tel (202) 418-2200
 "In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I am appalled, shocked, and dismayed at the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders are setting back the progress in the goal that all TV programs be closed captioned. As a member of the group who are cut off and/or limited in having full access to our diverse American culture and society, we do not need any help from FCC with such regulations to further limit our attempts to be a part of America. I've recently experienced Comcast refusing to close caption an interview with PA PUC Commissioner Holland when he was recognizing the value of the relay services. Rather than close caption the interview, Comcast choose not to air it. This is a blatant example of disrespect by Comcast towards the needs of people who need captions and this was an interview on a subject of great importance to the deaf and hard of hearing community. Boy, Comcast sure has a lot of nerve and their behavior is quite revealing of their priorities. And now I just learned that my broadband provider Road Runner in Philadelphia will be taken over by Comcast and I'm stuck with them because of the lack of cable competition in this city. I'm so upset that I'm thinking of giving up the use of my videophone rather than give Comcast a single penny from my pocket. Your granting exemptions will only add fuel to the fire of so many producers of TV programs who wish to continue their disregard for the communication needs of the members of American society. To those who can make a case that ³we can't afford it² or ³it might shut us down², I say, ³go ahead and shut down. We as government of the people, for the people, and by the people will not deny access to everything that this great country offers. Granting exemptions means that a group of people will not have access. We cannot allow some to have access and others not have access, for we represent ALL the people!!!²

I ask that you reverse your decision immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Lawrence J. Brick
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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 8:40 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: RESCIND THE CAPTIONING WAIVERS NOW

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jamie Berke [mailto:deafness.guide@about.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 8:07 PM
To: FCCINFO; Michael Copps; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org
Subject: RESCIND THE CAPTIONING WAIVERS NOW

I am taking time out of my busy schedule to write you to insist that you immediately rescind the television captioning waivers that were issued recently.

It has been MANY years since the television captioning regulations were published. Producers of ALL kinds of programming have had PLENTY of time to plan for and budget for, captioning as a ROUTINE matter of production costs. Captioning is, and should be viewed as, no different from planning for the cost of sound, video, and editing.

NO television programs should be granted captioning waivers at this point in time because of "cost." It is an embarrassment to the Federal Communications Commission. Captioning is not a charitable activity, it is not a luxury, and it should not be treated as an afterthought! If the producers can't afford to caption their programs, maybe they should consider measures such as broadcasting in black and white instead of color, to cover the cost of captioning.

If the FCC grants captioning waivers to the producers of certain types of programming, what is there to stop the FCC from granting waivers for other types of programming? This is a dangerous, slippery slope that the FCC is getting itself onto.

Jamie Berke
About Deafness/Hard of Hearing
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From: Deborah Branch [debelbranch@msn.com]**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 10:28 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
Director**Subject:** CC Decision

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting

exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders

appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption

basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged

and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity

crying "it costs too much" can now use. As a teacher of the Deaf, I see how critical it is for Deaf children and adults to have access to the same information as their hearing peers. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Deborah Branch
2104 E. Greenwich Cr.
Colorado Springs, CO

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From: Kimberly R. Brown [kimren3323@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 1:54 PM

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

To: Monica Desai

I have sent comments to all of the commissioners that are involved in making decisions with regard to captioning.

Let me know if there is anything I can do within my best ability.

THANX for the email!!

Kim ☺

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From: Melody Burba [melody@acils.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 4:21 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: "In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007"

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chief DeSai

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! Deaf and Hard of Hearing people need closed captioning in order to have full and complete access to TV programming, movies, etc. If these Orders remain in effect, you are knowingly supporting discrimination on the basis of disability.

Melody Burba, Independent Living Specialist
Access Center for Independent Living
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Dayton OH 45402
(937) 341-5202
(937) 341-5217

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From: Shortpink@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 11:37 AM
To: Deborah Tate
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning Threatened

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners.

My name is Karen Breuer. I am deaf. I was upset and disappointed at the recent actions taken by the FCC. I have just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. It is not fair to me and people! It is very important for us to use closed caption. No matter what!

I am requiring to use Closed Captioning on T.V. Shows (News, Sports, and other shows), Movie tapes, Movie DVD and movie theater. I always use Closed Caption because I wanted to know about important news or enjoy to watch story from shows. If you decide to do not use Closed Caption. I would not buy movie DVD, tapes or rent movies. Then, a company will lose money for a business. You would ruin my lifesyle for my enteriment. I really need to use Closed caption for open communciation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Breuer

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Sincerely,

Karen C. Breuer

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From: Lawrence J. Brick [pro@ga-sk.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 3:18 PM
To: Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell
Subject: CC Exemptions

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

This letter protesting the your office's exemptions, especially with religious groups, is intentionally sarcastic in order to express my anger at the churches for having the nerve to request exemptions from close captioning their programs. I definitely don't believe in what I am writing, but am sharing these thoughts to make a point in emphasizing why FCC should not support the churches' request for cc exemptions. The media must be accessible to all peoples, regardless of race, religion, creed, sexual preference, or disability and it is FCC's and the Federal Government's responsibility to ensure this.

Dear FCC Staffers:

It's clear why so many churches are requesting exemptions. It's because people with hearing loss and communication disabilities are defective and unworthy of being welcome in the churches of God. The churches are interested only in the purity of their members because only such perfect people are capable of doing God's work and His work requires the purity of His people. Because of their deficiencies, they are hard core defectives and their souls are unworthy of saving. It is a waste of precious dollars to try to save these defective people. It is necessary for the church to practice triage in determining the priority of their expenditures and those without defects must come first.

Lawrence J. Brick, One of the Defective Ones
3017 Midvale Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19129-1027

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From: Cabbie54@aol.com**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2006 12:26 PM*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary***To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** CLOSED CAPTIONING THREATENED..PLEASED RECONSIDER

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Thank You
Carol Belluccio
132 Krieger Rd.
Webster, NY 14580

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From: Patty Brockley [prbroc@pa.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 9:04 AM
To: *Monica Desai*
Subject: closed captioning

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> am severely hard of
hearing and I count on the captioning.

Thank you,
Patricia Brockley