

Docket No 06-181

Pam Gregory

From: Heather [shehuntstoo@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 9:13 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Maybe you don't realize how much Deaf and hard of hearing persons rely on CC. My son who has a cochlear implant is fully included in his 4th grade class. His science class utilizes many videos...without CC, he would miss so much information. Surely that's not what you want...for people to not learn!

Heather Carpenter
8261 Kavanagh Road
Baltimore, MD 21222

Kenneth L. Hill

From: anthony biondolillo [poetrymaster6@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 11:12 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

October 2, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

anthony biondolillo
7322 Mai Tai Dr
Orlando, FL 32822-5605

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From: Christy Compton [c.compton@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 3:40 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDevell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Waiver of Captioning Requirements

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I was appalled to learn that you have been granting permanent waivers to entities that do not wish to caption their programs. In your apparent effort to accommodate these entities, you are doing a disservice to people who are deaf, who are hard of hearing, and those for whom English is a second language. Each of these groups has friends and relatives who will also be affected when they cannot watch the news, etc. without having to explain everything that is no longer captioned.

I realize that President Bush is a strong supporter of private business, and that he does not wish to hamper their progress, but surely he would not want the FCC to weaken the ADA which his father signed into law! I am especially appalled to hear that the FCC is granting permanent exemptions to companies that requested temporary waivers. That can be viewed by some as either a calculated insult or incompetence - either way, it will be an embarrassment for the administration.

It was mind-boggling to learn that the waivers were for religious programming. I thought this Administration was pro-Christian!? The waivers seem to say that the Administration does not mind if its citizens who are deaf, hard of hearing, or learning English are unable to understand religious programs on TV. Please keep in mind that in rural areas, these groups are not always able to find a place of worship that meets their communication needs. I would think you would be concerned that the Democrats would have a field day with this!

After ten years, the programmers should have been prepared to provide captions. I have no sympathy for companies that are not prepared to comply with the law. If the FCC does not agree with the law, then it needs to petition Congress to change it, not take the back door route of granting waivers! These decisions set a bad precedent, as they are creating new regulations without a process.

Please reconsider your waiver process.

Sincerely,

Christy Compton

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From: Irma Carr [ihcarr@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 5:36 PM
To: Monica Desai

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Subject: exemptions for religious organizations

I would like to protest the decision to grant exemptions to religious organizations from captioning their programs. Granting exemption to these organizations creates a real hardship for individuals who have impaired hearing and those who are deaf. Thank you, Irma Carr

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From: Rejoicking@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:29 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: rcc decision.

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Your decision not to notify consumers about the exemptions for captioning all programs on TV is horrible in that the deaf will never be able to understand a single TV program and much worst will never be able to understand religious services that are broacasted on Subday mornings. Victoria carlson

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From: Aurelio Cruz [kingdeaf@sbcglobal.net]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 2:08 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica DesaiFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** FCC GRR

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,
Aurelio Cruz

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From: Christy Compton [sherwoodva@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 10:35 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Waiving the ADA Requirement for Captioning

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

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Please reconsider your waiver process.

Sincerely,

Christy Compton
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Arlington, VA 22205-3405

From: Cheryl Heppner [mailto:CHEppner@nvrc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 7:54 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: NVRC News 8/13/06 ACTION ALERT #2 - MORE BAD NEWS!

The News Just Got Worse!

By Cheryl Heppner

In addition to the two exemptions announced today, the Federal Communications Commission has sent out 250 more letters granting captioning exemptions! 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. You wouldn't even know to look for them there.

AND IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THIS, THEY'VE GIVEN PERMANENT EXEMPTIONS EVEN TO PETITIONERS WHO ONLY REQUESTED TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS

I have sent emails on behalf of NVRC to the FCC Chairman and the Commissioners to protest this outrage. I hope you will too. In a meeting with some of the FCC staff earlier this year, and being asked how I would suggest dealing with the hundreds of requests for waivers. My advice was to be firm about enforcing the regulations, particularly in light of the fact that the regulations had been in effect for 10 years so they had plenty of time to plan for it. I also said that if any exemptions were granted at all, they should be short-term exemptions. I never anticipated that our patience of the last 10 years would be rewarded with this terrible decision.

Closed captioning

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From: Jody Casey [Jody.Casey@dail.state.vt.us]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 11:35 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed captioningFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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. Please rconsider immediately! We need our captioning!

Jody Casey
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Newport Vt 05855

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: Monica Desai
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:25 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Please Reconsider Caption Orders

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

From: Terri Charles RCN [mailto:terri.charles@rcn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:08 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please Reconsider Caption Orders

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

Dear FCC Commissioner DeSai,

I am very upset about your recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. My daughter is deaf and uses cochlear implants to hear. She relies strongly on the captions of any broadcasts to follow what is being said, particularly if there is background music or if the speakers' face is not visible for lip reading.

I was very happy to hear that the extras on DVDs would soon be required to be captioned. Why are we going the other way with television shows.

... FCC states that it is "inclined favorably" to grant new exemption requests to organizations that do "not receive compensation from video programming distributors from the airing of [their] programs," and who also say they "may terminate or substantially curtail [their] programming" or "[curtail] other activities important to [their] mission" if forced to caption...

This statement is very alarming. My daughter NEEDS closed captions. Please do not cut her off from the world any more than she already is.

Terri Charles
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508-545-1736

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From: The Cool's [ktlcool@yahoo.com]
 Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 6:45 PM
 To: FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai
 Cc: cheppner@nvr.org
 Subject: Captioning exemptions

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

As a hearing impaired person, I am angry, outraged and disappointed that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. I ask that you rethink your decisions and reverse them.

I rely on captioning for everything from weather, news and television programs. Emergency messages, school closings, traffic problems, etc. all are requirements in my book. Your decisions will affect not only myself, but my family and many others that I know who are deaf or hard of hearing. You are in essence "shutting many of us out of participating in normal life programming. By making many programs non-accessible to us via captioning, I feel that the FCC is discriminating against those of us that trusted the FCC to protect our rights to communication and understanding of broadcast programs. In making these negative decisions, you are favoring companies who choose to ignore many of us with hearing disabilities.

It has been several years since the closed captioning rules were placed and all of those affected were notified. Many PBS shows have found ways to fund captioning so that makes me believe that those who request "special treatment" are just lazy and refuse to follow the rules set forth to accommodate captioning, even if it costs them funds. Many of these entities requesting an exemption are broadcast to raise funds and/or make funds utilizing advertising.

I feel that the FCC should review these granted requests and retract their granting. As a hearing impaired person, I was not given the opportunity to be given consideration of your choice, yet those, who requested these waivers, were given many considerations.

I look forward to reading, in the near future, of your reversal of the granted captioning exemptions.

Ms. Kelly Cool
 Holly, MI
ktlcool@yahoo.com

PS - I also feel that it is proper to regulate online video. I see many items posted online that are captioned on television but the captions are not carried to the internet. We hearing impaired/deaf utilize the internet by the droves for communication. Now it the time to implement regulation of all online broadcasts.

Do you Yahoo!?
 Everyone is raving about the all-new Yahoo! Mail.

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From: DPBBUD@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 7:58 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning Exemption

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Ms. Monica DeSai
Chief CGB
Federal Communications Commission

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 deeply upset and believe the FCC has created a new loophole that almost any entity saying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider this action.

I have been almost totally deaf since the age of three. I am now 82 years old. Without closed captioning, I am unable to use television. All of us similarly afflicted need closed captioning.

Sincerely,

James B. Cook, Jr.
P.O. Box 2865
Chester, Virginia 23831

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Sandy Coates [SCoates@rampci.org]

*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary*

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 11:50 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah.Taylor@fcc.gov; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman Martin and FCC Commissioners Taylor, McDowell, Copps, Adelstein, and CGB Chief DeSai

In regards to recent ruling by CGB that will be granting exception(s) to provide closed captioning, I protest (passed in October 2006). These new orders appear to create a new regulation that create new exemption basis which do not keep with current regulations. I am upset and believe the FCC has created a loophole that every or any entity can say captioning "cost too much". Please reconsider and revoke or remove the ruling. I am a deaf person who is totally depended upon closed captioning to have access to anything (t.v., weather bulletins, movies, etc.) I can't understand what is being said without the closed captioning so this ruling impacts my everyday life that will create limitations and barriers which will deny me access to communication from this source. I sincerely hope the FCC removes this ruling that grants exceptions to providing closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Sandra Coates

107 East Second Street

Genoa, IL 60115

Captel 877-243-2823 then dial 815-784-3459 and hit pound key

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From: A chiappa [achiappa@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:08 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I vehemently 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. Please reconsider immediately! Without closed captioning we will be returning to the days when we could not keep up with the news or understand any of our favorite shows. Please think this over very carefully - it could make a big difference in many hearing impaired and deaf people's lives. Thank you.

Elva D. Chiappa
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Granite City, IL 62040

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From: Katie Corbett [kdc782@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 7:52 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

OCT 16 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 20, 2006
Monica Desai*

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

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People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

*Katie Corbett
36 Columbia St
Wharton, NJ 07885-2435*

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Rosaline Crawford [CrawfordRH@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 9:12 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
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Sincerely,

Rosaline Crawford
625 Mississippi Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-5238

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Sheila Conlon Mentkowski [s.mentkowski@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 11:12 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Sincerely,

*Sheila Conlon Mentkowski
7502 Windbridge Dr Apt 100
Sacramento, CA 95831-5239*

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Kenneth L. HillFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: ellenjcis@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 6:48 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Michael Copps; "Jonathan.Adelstein "@fcc.govJonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov; Monica Desai
Subject: Captions

Dear FCC Chairperson, and Committee Members,

I am severely hard of hearing. You have no idea how much Captioning has allowed me into the real world. I am able to watch TV and see visual announcements at airports. I cannot, yet however, go to a movie theater. I have not seen a movie in a theater in many, many years. So be it, I rent movies and watch with captions or English sub-titles. That I can live with. (Although my husband would love to go out with me to a movie!)

Think about this: I cannot hear consonants at all. "HE" could be she, me, we or thee. Unless I see a face or see captions this is what I could hear: Have you a dime? for "What is the time?"

Captions allow me to understand spoken words. Remember that TV actors do not face the camera all the time- in fact most never- and how am I supposed to understand off-camera dialog????

Hearing loss is not like tuning a volume control down- hearing loss is multi-faceted in that the loss can spread throughout a broad spectrum of sound and loudness. This mean that simply raising volume control DOES NOT WORK. One may hear sounds, but not comprehend them because of missing sounds. Captions are a "God send."

Therefore:

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. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

I am a "senior" adult, at the end of a long teaching career. Do you really think my life is easy?? We need more captions- not less.

Ellen J. Cormier
 145 Beacon Street
 Framingham, MA 01701

Check out the new AOL. Most comprehensive set of free safety and security tools, free access to millions of high-quality videos from across the web, free AOL Mail and more.

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From: Hobert Clanton [HobertDee@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 10:32 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
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Sincerely,

*Hobert Clanton
3 Jordan Ave
Concord, NH 03301-2716*

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From: jennifer curran [jencjenc@gmail.com]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 2:31 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Capps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

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Jennifer Curran

jencjenc@gmail.com

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Kenneth L. Hill

From: Richard Corcoran [rwc0r32@netscape.net]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 10:32 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 22, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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Sincerely,

*Richard Corcoran
9 Marion Ave
South Glens Falls, NY 12803-4806*

Kenneth L. Hill

From: Andrew Cohen [dfman18@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 8:52 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

October 3, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

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Sincerely,

Andrew Cohen
1341 Foxwood Dr
Monroeville, PA 15146-4436

Kenneth L. Hill

From: H Carol Craghan [Hcarolc1@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 7:02 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

*September 22, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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Sincerely,

*H Carol Craghan
1615 Redwood Road
Apt. 2D
San Marcos, TX 78666-1410*

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From: rsc@cableone.net
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 8:09 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed captioned situation

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*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary*

To: Monica DeSai

I'm angry and I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captioned
I can't watch TV programs that are NOT captioned.
FCC must reverse their decision, support deaf and hard of hearing consumers and support closed captioning!

Thank you for your time & effort.

Sincerely,
Louise Casias

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From: ABCohenDE@aol.com**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 6:16 AMFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**To:** FCCINFO; Michael Copps; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Jay Keithley;
Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org**Subject:** RECONSIDER FCC EXEMPTIONS FOR CLOSED CAPTIONING

Regarding the Matter of DA-06-1802A1

My name is Amy Cohen Efron, and I am a deaf person who is a registered voter in the State of Georgia. Closed Captioning is a most vital accessibility tool for me to use and it helped me to be a part of the mainstream society. It helped me to understand what is happening and what is being said on television, and it helped to bring closer to my family, friends and the community.

I still have a very vivid recollection about my dad went to Sears in 1980 and he purchased a bulky closed captioning decoder unit which cost over \$350 dollars. It was very expensive back then, especially my dad couldn't afford luxuries for his family. Once he brought this unit home, I was only 13 years old, and I practically broke down crying with extreme joy and delight. Imagine that I prefer having closed captioning decoder OVER the Atari gaming system which I have turned down? Imagine!

After opening this box with glee, and my dad and I instantly hooked up this decoder to our old television. I practically FORCED my family to watch a very FEW shows with closed captions WITH ME as a PART OF THE FAMILY. (There were only handful of prime-time shows that offered captioning back then.) I even REFUSED to let my family members to watch other shows that does not offer closed captioning while I AM THERE WITH THEM. I know how it felt to be excluded from my OWN FAMILY for so long when we all were watching our favorite shows. In 1980's, we all were watching the Little House on the Prairie tv show (which was not closed captioned back then) - and I kept asking my mom, what was Laura saying, and why Charles was upset. Mom always said with her best intentions, "I will explain later." Of course, she forgot to explain later with me. That did not make me feel good at all.

Fast forward, 26 years later - I am fully independent, tax paying individual and post-graduate professional working in an education industry, I still watch TV shows, news, sports, weather and documentaries with closed captions. There is one missing void — as a Jewish person, I rarely see any Jewish faith-based shows that are captioned. Being Jewish is important to me, and I know how it feels not be included in Jewish activities, involvement with services at the temple, because of course, they don't usually offer sign language interpreting consistently. Moreover, faith-based videotapes and/or tv shows about Judaism are not captioned.

I am pleased to see how the progress been made in 2006, and we still are excluded for several things - the DVD special features are always not captioned, some late night shows are not captioned, the public access shows in local Atlanta - especially DeKalb County public meetings that was aired on TV are not captioned, movies in airplane flights are not captioned and lastly, the internet web-based video streaming shows are not captioned.

I was shocked after learning your decision on August 7, 2006's public notice that reversed previous and ongoing progress toward equal access to information. In that case, your agency granted exemptions to two television programs to continue broadcasting without closed-captioning. These two television programs are faith-based.

Why? Why? Is it because of financial burden? Please.... this is not a good reason. Closed captioning costs are not expensive. Tell that to my late Dad who forked over \$350 dollars in 1980 (which is approximately \$1,000 dollars to today's value) - and his annual income back then was approximately \$16,000 dollars a year! COME ON! I didn't ask to be deaf, I was born that way, and bless my family who know about their priorities, and made sure to include me in family, exposing me with the world through closed captioning, and providing

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cultural literacy with me. Thank god for my family.

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FCC - please reconsider your decision, and it is a dangerous precedent you have established. This decision you made had brought me back to 1980's sitting in the living room asking my mom and dad, what was Laura saying and why Charles was upset, and I knew I will never get the answer...

Sincerely,

Amy Cohen Efron

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From: Wendy Jonas Calhoun [wendy1@erols.com]
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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. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

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I am a hearing impaired person with profound hearing loss and the use of close captioning is a very important aid in enjoying television, movies and staying in touch with what is going on in the world. I am getting very tired, metaphorically" being told to get in the back of the bus. We want to be treated fairly and sit in the front of the bus just like the people who do not have hearing problems. So I ask that this action by you Ms DeSai, Mr Chairman, and other Commissioners be stopped, so we all can enjoy what's on television, movies and other entertainment venues that help enrich our lives.

Respectively yours,
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"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." - Aboriginal Activist Sister
