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Docket No 06-181

From: Francine MacDougall [cinniekm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 9:12 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

*September 21, 2006
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,

*Francine MacDougall
3 Sylvan Court
Spartanburg, SC 29302-2806*

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Docket No. 06-181

From: ASLEveryday@aol.com

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Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 6:04 AM

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To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai**Cc:** bloch@nad.org; Crawford@nad.orgFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Mr. Martin:

My name is Aidan Mack. I am a Deaf filmmaker and a proud USA citizen. I am very disappointed to discover that I cannot trust FCC that they would protect Deaf people's accessibility to all television channels with closed caption. It is morally wrong of FCC or for anyone decides for Deaf people which TV program would be shown with/without-closed caption. If we had a major Deaf people own these TV programs/film industries or work for FCC, how do you feel we decide which TV programs that would be no sound availability to hearing people? We live in America where we greatly support to diversity. We have a great government system that protects our rights from these people who exploiting by taking away our rights to access as other people. FCC has allowed TV/Films industries to manipulate the system by taking away Deaf people's rights by deciding which show would not have closed caption.

At my film school, I try to teach students to add subtitles/closed caption for Deaf community. Without FCC's support in order to mandate for all TV program/films to have closed caption, my message to these students become pointless. I urge FCC to maintain their expectation for all TV and film industries to follow the regulation by requiring them to add closed caption to TV programs and Films so we as Deaf community can enjoy and learn.

Closed captioning is very important to Deaf community and to people who comes from different countries who do not know English because they will receive information, learning about and involving in the world. Closed Caption increase our skills in English writing and reading. It also helps hearing people as well. As you notice that English is my second language, without Closed Caption, my English skills will be in much worse. The research had proven that Deaf children, Deaf adults, and immigrant people benefit to closed caption.

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,

Aidan Mack
484 Albany Post Road #13
Croton, NY, 10520

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From: Rich Maier [maier@usa.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 5:02 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**Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007**

I am severely hearing impaired and even with state of the art digital hearing aids I can not understand the audio portion of TV programs. Closed captioned TV has been a god send for all the hearing impaired.

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! We need our closed captioning strengthen not weakened!

Rich Maier
112 N. Aldine
Park Ridge, IL 60068

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**From:** Endmar@aol.com**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 2:10 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** closed captioning

Dear FCC Chairman,

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. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it cost too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately. We need our closed captioning. You have finally done something to help the deaf and are now taking it back, this is unbelievable. I was so overjoyed when television captioning first came out, it was like a miracle. Please don't retract that great aid.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Maroney
250 Emporium Ave
West Seneca, NY 14224

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From: MorrisRich@aol.com**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 4:21 PM**To:** *Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Capps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai***Cc:** MorrisRich@aol.com**Subject:** My deaf children, deaf spouse and I need CLOSED CaptioningFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

With respect, I am writing to 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 very concern that this action will create a loophole that many entities can now use to be exempted from providing closed captioned on their programs/movies, which will deprive deaf and hard of hearing individuals access to reality.

My young deaf children, aged 12 and 10, deaf spouse and I need closed captioning to have equal accessibility to many valuable programs and receive critical information that can affect the quality of our lives. It would be greatly appreciated if you RECONSIDER immediately!

I thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.
Sincerely,
Richard E. Morris
Harleysville, PA

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From: Bethhp2@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 7:12 PM
To: *Monica Desai*
Subject: FCC granting exemptions for Captioning
To Whom it may concern:

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I am extremely disappointed to find out that the FCC has granted exemptions to organizations from captioning their programs. I am 34 years old and I've had a life-long hearing loss. I really believed that things would only get better for people with hearing loss, I guess I was wrong! I find it very disturbing that the FCC would take this route! The message being conveyed from the FCC is one of complete disrespect.

Beth MacKay
bethhp2@aol.com

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From: Richard McGeorge [rtmcgeorge@pacbell.net]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 8:52 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*

Are you nuts? I am abhored at the recent Orders issued by CGB granting exemptions from closed captioning. These Orders do nothing but create a new regulation that is counter-productive of current regulations. I am outraged that the FCC could creat a loophole in current regulations that almost any Freshman law student could drive a truck through by crying "it costs too much". Please reconsider or resign immediately! The hearing impaired need closed captioning for their own safety and for the safety of others regardless of which channel they are watching!

Richard McGeorge
Garden Grove, CA

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From: Helen Mason [hpmason@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 6:02 PM
To: *Monica Desai*
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802; CGB-CC-0005; CGB-CC-0007

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*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary*

Dear CGB Chief DeSai,

I am writing to protest the above Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the CGB. They do not seem to be in keeping with current regulations and appear to create a new exemption basis.

Those of who are deaf and rely solely on the written word need MORE not less captioning. I'm sure it is difficult to envision the silent world in which we live. Believe me, it would be so great to attend a church service or a government meeting which was captioned!

Please reconsider the recent Orders.

Thank you,

Helen P. Mason
793 Elm Street #4
San Carlos, CA 94070

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From: Sunshyne Morack [smorack@cableone.net]

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Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 7:18 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowellFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** FCC Captioning Exemptions

Dear Chairman and Commissioners

I am disheartened to hear that the FCC has granted permission to HUNDREDS of petitioners to forego captioning regulations set forth with a 10 year notice! As a hearing impaired individual, I RELY on captioning to receive and process any sort of on-screen programming. I have waited patiently for legislation to take affect that would increase the amount of captioned programming I would be able to enjoy and understand. I am so disappointed that the FCC has completely overlooked the legislation set forth, and is so intent on granting immunity to anyone and everyone who asks! Please reconsider this decision and the many ignored people that it affects. Please be a voice of reason for those who are unable to enjoy the same programming so many others are able to enjoy.

Thank you,
Sunshyne M.

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From: PHILIP W MCCARTIN [philipmccartin@juno.com]

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 8:19 PM

To: fccinfo%fcc.govKevin.Martin@fcc.gov; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai

Subject: closed captioning exemptions

I just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large number of closed captioning exemptions.

I would note that broadcasters have had 10 years to comply with the regulations.

I urge that this decision be reversed immediately.

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From: Sally [smccart2@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 1:17 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman or Commissioners,

Please, I ask you to reconsider the exemption of equal access to the closed captioning for the deaf and hard of hearing.

I live in a county where there are many retirees who have a hearing loss and I have a deaf child. We have enjoyed finding the things that allow he and others with hearing loss to have equal access to learn and experience the same things as a hearing person! We have been blessed thus far and are always searching and hoping for growth in that area.

Please don't limit closed captioning -reverse your decision to have the exemptions and increase the closed captioning instead. Please. Do the right thing for those who appreciate it so very much.

Sally McCarthy

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From: Myrick, Matthew J. [Matthew.Myrick@vddhh.virginia.gov]**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 10:25 AM**To:** Kevin Martin**Cc:** Monica Desai; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowellFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Subject:** Closed Captioning...

My name is Matt Myrick, I work with the AT&T Relay as an Account Manager for the state of Virginia. I am surprised to be hearing about these exempts.

Let me ask each of you this question and I know you have probably heard this through thousands of other hearing, deaf and hard of hearing individuals. "How would you feel to put an exempt on sound to be turned off for all the 386 million Americans that can hear for "one year" and you tell me how frustrated you'd be for not being able to hear and understand what is being said on television?"

I am hard of hearing and I can hear pretty darn well! I still rely heavily on closed captioning to provide me clearer understanding of what's being said on television! Closed Captioning has a huge benefit throughout the hearing world (children and adults are able to learn English), whereas, it's critical to the deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened and Deafblind cultures.

Please do not make the exempt a choice but mandatory for all!!!!

Thank you.

Matt

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From: McGrew, Kathy [kmcgrew@baldwinemc.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 10:12 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Deborah.Tate@fcc.gov
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning exemptions

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I have just learned that the FCC has decided to grant a large number of captioning exemptions. The closed captioning rules have been in place for many years and tens of thousands, if not millions, of Americans depend on closed captions. I am hard of hearing and wear hearing aids. However, I still cannot understand the television and must have closed captioning to know what is being said. If a program comes on that does not have captions, I cannot watch. Captioning is extremely important when the broadcast is a live news update. How are hard of hearing citizens going to be made aware of emergency situations without captioning? You are discriminating against hard of hearing and deaf Americans (who, by the way, pay taxes just like everyone else). Not only for emergency situations, but we should be able to enjoy general programming, too.

The FCC should reverse these exemptions immediately.

Kathy McGrew
Silverhill, Alabama

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From: Kimiam265@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 9:49 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please say NO to closed captioning exemptions!

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Hello Commissioner DeSai,

I received an email stating that the FCC will be giving 250 closed captioning exemptions to some religious organizations.

PLEASE SAY NO! We want all shows to be equally accessible to everyone who watches TV. I am hearing impaired, and watch everything on TV with closed captioning. Without closed captioning, I am lost.

Imagine...watching TV without any volume. Would you understand what they are saying? No! Now you know how we feel...we sit there in silence...crying that we can't understand what the TV is saying.

I plead with you..to vote NO to any closed captioning exemptions!

Thank you for your time.

Kim Mettache
265 Beiriger Drive
Dyer, IN 46311
Hearing Loss Association of Northwest Indiana Chapter Leader
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From: Andrew L. Mayer [amayerstl@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 12:01 PM

To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai

Subject: Captioning exemptions

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman and Members,

How could you? Please withdraw the 550 captioning exemptions. Otherwise you make us second-class citizens, cut off from vital information, education and entertainment.

Andrew L. Mayer
St. Louis, MO

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From: Joel Nielsen [nhrafreak22@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 12:12 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 4, 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,

Joel Nielsen
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Canton, GA 30114-6610

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From: Nickersonpn@aol.com**Sent:** Sunday, October 01, 2006 6:53 PM**To:** Nickersonpn@aol.com**Cc:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Johnathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov; Monica Desai**Subject:** In 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. 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. I need closed captioning.

Patricia Nickerson
2860 Piedmont Ave.
Napa, CA, 94558

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From: Myra Noteboom [mnoteboom@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 11:10 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please do not allow exemptions from closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman,

As a person who is losing hearing in a hearing world, closed captioning allows me the ability to enjoy and learn from television. As a hearing impaired person, I am excluded from understanding and enjoying many situations. Don't exclude me from enjoying television also. My husband is nearly deaf; all of my older relatives are extremely hard of hearing. Please consider millions of people who cannot hear well.

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!

Myra Noteboom
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Pam Gregory *Docket No. 06-181*~~OCT 19 2006~~**From:** Cynthia Neese Bailes [Cynbailes@comcast.net]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:17 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed-captioning exemptions**Dear Chairman and Commissioners,**

As a deaf individual who depends on closed-captioning, I am greatly concerned to learn of recent actions taken by the FCC to grant large numbers of captioning exemptions. I believe this is an unethical decision; it ignores the needs and rights of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, favoring instead businesses which have, in fact, had adequate time to plan for captioning.

To give captioning exemptions prevents consumers like myself from benefiting from programming that you take for granted. Furthermore, it is a signal to businesses that it is all right to discriminate against certain individuals. Please, before you grant exemptions, consider the affected groups of people, including the many for whom programming is entirely inaccessible without captioning.

I ask that you overturn these exemptions, and cease this general trend toward granting them. A response would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,**Cynthia Neese Bailes
Silver Spring, Maryland**

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~~OCT 19 2006~~**From:** gayleehn2@aol.com**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 2:15 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** captioning exemptions-wrong, wrong, wrong!Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I strongly oppose the exemptions that are being given. This is truly outrageous as is the fact none of this information was made public in the FCC's Daily Digest.

If you wouldn't turn the sound off for blind consumers, why would you turn the text off for deaf and hard of hearing consumers?

Gay Nagy
Burke, Virginia

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Office of the Secretary

I am HOH and have been for many years. Closed captioning is really the only way I can watch tv and "hear". My hearing aids do not help with TV. I would be lost without closed captioning.

I have just learned that the FCC has made a decision to grant a large amount of captioning exemptions to tv stations.

This is outrageous. I really don't understand why anyone would take away such a valuable resource for people who have my disability. This is a form of discrimination that should not be allowed.

Sincerely,
Judith Noll

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From: Shirley Nauman [snauman@tampabay.rr.com]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 11:31 AM**To:** Kevin Martin**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed Captioning**Re:** DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Dear FCC Committee Member,**

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.

Many people with hearing loss are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Closed captioning is a vital service to the hearing loss community and funds should be provided for such an important issue.

Please reconsider this exemption order immediately in order to provide access for people with hearing loss to facilities and religious places. It is so important that they understand what is being said. Closed captioning is a service that should be provided in every public place.

Thank you,

**Shirley Nauman, Treasurer
Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota
Home address: 1117 Opal Lane, Sun City Center, FL 33573
snauman@tampabay.rr.com**

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From: Nagleph3579@cs.com
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 11:14 AM
To: Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Subject: Please let me know why the Commission decided to pander to....
...religious programmers by exempting them from captioning requirements.
Why is this not a violation of the separation of church and state?
Why didn't the Commission consider the needs of the hard of hearing?
What will be the next industry exempted from captioning, and why?

Patrick Nagle
nagleph3579@cs.com
Olympia, WA

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From: Dirk Neyhart [genetic@igc.org]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 7:30 AM
To: Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Subject: no excuses or exemptions for captioning lawbreakers. Make a better world,not worse xoxo

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From: Alisha Nickols [anickols56@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 8:26 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please Read

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*Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary*

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

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! Thank you.

Alisha Nickols
2880 Bristol Avenue
Stockton, Ca 95204

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From: B W [smokyladytn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 5:23 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

Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007
Dear Ms. DeSai,

I am very much dismayed and 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, please please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Sincerely,
Janie Neal
414 N. Forest Park Blvd, Apt. #312
Knoxville, TN 37919

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

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From: Verna Neidigh [shhhoosier@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:55 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: FCC's granting of captioning exemptions to churches
 September 13, 2006

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Monica Desai:

Today I received a report which I fervently hope is untrue! Following is an excerpt:

"This week the FCC has granted exemptions to religious organizations from captioning their programs. In the past when such organizations have requested exemptions from the captioning rules the requests for waivers have been put out for public comment and have not been granted as they have never demonstrated that it was truly an undue burden to caption their programs.

All of a sudden the FCC is taking a completely different approach by granting exemptions without consulting consumers on the impact.

On Monday, the FCC sent out 250 letters granting captioning exemptions directly to those petitioners. Another several hundred letters approving exemptions are expected to go out this or next week - for a total of around 550 exemptions! The FCC has not put these on the Daily Digest to notify the public. Rather, they are simply making these available in their Public Reference room. Even worse still, the exemptions granted are PERMANENT ones, even though several of the petitioners ONLY REQUESTED TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS - until Sept or Jan."

If it is true, as reported, if I were granted the FCC's permission to shut off the audio of all those church's programs, I'd be slamming the door in the ears of people who depend upon hearing the programs.

Exempting churches from captioning their programs has a like effect on those of us who depend upon captioning to know what's being said on the programs.

It's really sad that the FCC is allowing that to happen. What can you and I do to stop it?

Sincerely,

Verna (Marty) Neidigh, Founder
 Hearing Loss Advocacy Group of Indiana
 3635 State Road 331 South
 Bremen, IN 46506-9777

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From: Pam Nigro [pnigro@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 5:34 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

Dear Ms. DeSai:

I need closed captioning! I am hard of hearing and my husband is not. Closed captioning is the only way we both can enjoy watching TV together. Also, as the population ages closed captioning will become a necessity for individuals who want to watch TV.

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 lamenting, "It costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately and close this loophole! Thank you!

Regards,
Pam Nigro
1104 W. Dickens Avenue, Apt. 1
Chicago , IL 60614

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 2:09 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Television closed captioning waivers

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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From: KAOTis@aol.com [mailto:KAOTis@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 12:56 PM
To: FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org
Subject: Television closed captioning waivers

October 4, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that we fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens – they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it

serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions two programmers, specifically Anglers for Christ Ministries and New Beginnings Ministries, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives us

- a) access to news that is indispensable to the community,
- b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and
- c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society.

The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to us and we can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
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Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office

Separate emails sent via webform to:

Senator Mike Dewine (Ohio)
Senator George Voinovich (Ohio)
Representative David Hobson (R-OH 7th)

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From: acey.ossman@cms.k12.nc.us

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 10:36 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; jonathan.adelsten@fcc.gov; Monica Desai

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

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 reconsider immediately! Closed Captioning is crucial to the social and educational success of children and adults with hearing loss

Acey Ossman

Educational Specialist for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Charlotte, NC

~~~~~"Research shows that by the time a child with hearing loss graduates from high school, more than \$400,000 per child can be saved in special education costs if the child is identified early and given appropriate educational, medical, and audiological services."

Source: White, K. R., & Maxon, A. B. (1995). Universal screening for infant hearing impairment: Simple, beneficial, and presently justified. *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, 32, 201-211.

"If hearing loss remains undetected, even mild hearing loss or hearing loss in only one ear has substantial detrimental consequences. For example, research shows that children with hearing loss in one ear are ten times as likely to be held back at least one grade compared to a matched group of children with normal hearing."

Source: Bess, F. H., & Tharpe, A. M. (1986). Case history data on unilaterally hearing-impaired children. *Ear and Hearing*, 7(1), 14-19.~~~~~

**From:** Olson, Andrea [Andrea.Olson@providence.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:40 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning exemptions

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Hi Ms. Desai-  
I was sorry to read about exemptions for captioning. I am hard of hearing and it feels like a slap in the face to read stuff like that. After all, I have to work twice as hard to hear what people are saying everyday. And then when you allow exemptions, I feel that I don't have a right to know what's going on or being said, simply b/c it's my bad luck that I can't hear as well as others. I rely on captioning!

Thanks.  
Andrea

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**From:** Bonnie O'Leary [birdie756@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:23 AM

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai

**Cc:** cheppner@nvr.org

**Subject:** Captioning Exemptions

**Importance:** High

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

As a person with a late-onset hearing loss, and as an active member of the hearing loss community, I am shocked and outraged that the FCC could have POSSIBLY granted captioning exemptions to ANY programmer, no matter how 'small'!! Whatever were you thinking?! When it has already been documented that there are nearly 32 million Americans who struggle with hearing loss, and that figure is projected to be 70 million by the year 2030, how can the FCC turn a blind eye to the real needs of the viewing public?? Closed captioning rules were established 10 years ago -! Isn't that enough time for programmers to raise the money needed to provide captioning? The FCC's decision, which was neither fair, productive nor enlightened, needs to be reversed immediately so viewers with disabilities can be given priority consideration for a change.

Bonnie O'Leary

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Office of the Secretary

**From:** Michaeleen O'Shea [moshea@tripil.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 9:19 AM  
**To:** Deborah.Tate@fcc.gov; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Michaela Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

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

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Michaeleen O'Shea  
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**From:** Diane Olmstead, SAFE Coordinator [diane@cvac.us]

**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 1:29 PM

**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein; Robert McDowell; Michael Capps

**Cc:** Monica Desai

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

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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**From:** Scottoberg4@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 1:40 PM

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Office of the Secretary

**To:** Kevin Martin

**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Capps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

**Subject:** Closed Captioning Regulation

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
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Sincerely Yours  
Scott Oberg  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**From:** Edna OLSEN [emfo@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 3:59 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** RE: CAPTIONING

WHATS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE....ARE WE UNEDUCATED PEOPLEQQ ARE WE  
IGNORANTSQQ (WILL BE BLOWN OUT IF YOU STOP CAPTIONING)..I PRAY THAT YOU  
ALL FOLKS WHO MADE THIS DECISION WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE DEAF CHILDREN IN  
ORDER TO UNDERSTAND OUR NEEDS..WE DEAF COMMUNITY WILL TAKE AN ACTION  
ON IT.....EDNA OLSEN

Pam Gregory

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**From:** Melanie O'Rourke [orourkemelanie@hotmail.com]

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**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 9:17 PMFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**To:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed Captioning Exemptions

Dear Commissioner and CGB Chief,

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 the 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!! I need closed captioning.

Melanie O'Rourke  
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Late Deafened Adult

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**From:** nancy j olsen [nolsen5@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 1:41 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed captioning on TV, DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

*I'm concerned about the exemption that would exclude or deny closed captioning for the many hard of hearing or deaf viewers in the U.S. Not only for better enjoyment of entertainment, but also the viewing of important news programs for the hearing impaired viewers. The benefits of this far outweighs the costs. There are approximately 28 to 30 million hearing impaired in the U.S. and with the growing senior population, there will be many more. Before captioning, I barely watched TV.*

*Please reconsider this in your decision on how to keep the programs closed captioned.*

*Thank you.*

*A concerned hoh of hearing viewer.*

Kenneth L. Hill

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**From:** Laura Obara [Laura.Obara@illinois.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 7:29 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin  
**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell  
**Subject:** Close captioning

Federal 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 reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! I like to be able to watch tv with my family and friends and NOT be excluded! I work in a hospital setting with deaf consumers! The television would be inaccessible if less shows were close captioned! Please reconsider!*

*Thank you,  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**From:** Maggie Wendell [Maggie.Wendell@ncmail.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:51 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate  
**Cc:** Alton Scott; Angela Bateman; Barbara Williamson; Brenda Ulrich; Cindy Decker-Pickell; Clay Hixon; Crystal Steiner; Daniel Varnell; Dianne Wright; Donnie Reeves; Erica Thorpe; Hal Wright; Isaac Pakula; John Hawley; Kate Shealy; Lindalee Pagels; Lindsey Maykovich; Lori Herring; Melissa Hargrove; Michele Scott; Paul Daly; Quentin Corey; Randi Pakula; Robert Bullock; Rudy Croom; Sandy Scott; Shelia James; Sue Weber; Terry Dunaway; Tony Hornick; Tony Moore  
**Subject:** FCC ruling regarding closed captioning exemptions  
**Importance:** High

*Dear Commissioners,*

*I am amazed and shocked to find that you are approving a rule that makes exceptions from having to put close captioning possible. As a deaf individual, a professional working in a deaf school, I depend heavily on closed captioning to get my news, watch my favorite shows etc. I do not understand the reasoning behind having to exempt closed captioning. If it weren't for FCC's ruling making it requirement that all broadcasting of shows, movies, news etc, closed captioned - the deaf would be still be fighting the right to have equal access to the information that hearing people take for granted. I am so pleased that everything I see on tv is captioned but there is still long ways go as there are some shows or programs are not captioned yet. I would like to see 100% captioning. By making this exemption is like going backwards making things inassessable again! Please RECONSIDER this option. I do not think this is a great idea. We need to have some way to make sure everyone knows that captioning is not an OPTION that it is a REQUIREMENT!*

*Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please do not do this ruling!*

*Maggie Overath Wendell*

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**From:** ASLEveryday@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 6:04 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai  
**Cc:** bloch@nad.org; Crawford@nad.org  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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 Federal Communications Commission  
 Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Martin:

My name is Aidan Mack. I am a Deaf filmmaker and a proud USA citizen. I am very disappointed to discover that I cannot trust FCC that they would protect Deaf people's accessibility to all television channels with closed caption. It is morally wrong of FCC or for anyone decides for Deaf people which TV program would be shown with/without-closed caption. If we had a major Deaf people own these TV programs/film industries or work for FCC, how do you feel we decide which TV programs that would be no sound availability to hearing people? We live in America where we greatly support to diversity. We have a great government system that protects our rights from these people who exploiting by taking away our rights to access as other people. FCC has allowed TV/Films industries to manipulate the system by taking away Deaf people's rights by deciding which show would not have closed caption.

At my film school, I try to teach students to add subtitles/closed caption for Deaf community. Without FCC's support in order to mandate for all TV program/films to have closed caption, my message to these students become pointless. I urge FCC to maintain their expectation for all TV and film industries to follow the regulation by requiring them to add closed caption to TV programs and Films so we as Deaf community can enjoy and learn.

Closed captioning is very important to Deaf community and to people who comes from different countries who do not know English because they will receive information, learning about and involving in the world. Closed Caption increase our skills in English writing and reading. It also helps hearing people as well. As you notice that English is my second language, without Closed Caption, my English skills will be in much worse. The research had proven that Deaf children, Deaf adults, and immigrant people benefit to closed caption.

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,

Aidan Mack  
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