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**From:** Kingsnan@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 6:20 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** Outrageous FCC Decision Unfairly Limits My Access

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

I strongly disagree with the FCC's recent decision to exempt large numbers of religious programmers from the requirement to provide captioning for people like myself. Aside from the fact that these programmers have a moral obligation to make their programs accessible, the FCC is way out of line in making the decision to exclude me from being able to watch them. I hope this outrageous decision is reversed as soon as possible.

Nancy Kingsley

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**From:** KilpatrickClan@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 7:49 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** captioning

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As a person with hearing loss and as a special education teacher, I am tremendously disappointed by your decision to grant exemptions for closed captioning, particularly for religious organizations. That a religious organization would make a request of this nature is disappointing to say the least. Hearing impaired individuals are discriminated against in so many ways, but this action by our government is a difficult blow to withstand. If one's needs are not recognized by one's own government, what recourse is available?

As a teacher of students with reading disabilities, I often recommend closed captioning to parents to help increase reading levels. This method has been studied and recommended at the university level. I first heard about it from Dr. Tim Rasinski at Kent State University, if verification is needed.

Please reconsider this negative course of action.

Sincerely,  
Beverly Kilpatrick

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**From:** Warren Keuffel [wkeuffel@xmission.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 12:35 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Warren Keuffel; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning exemptions

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 in favor of large and small companies and ignoring the needs of people with disabilities.

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. This decision sets a very bad precedent because:

a) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and

(b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. They are creating new regulations without a process.

This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not. This was a terrible decision. That decision should not stand. It should be reversed immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Tami Kelsen [colo\_dreamgirl@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 11:42 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** In Regards to 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!

Tami Kelsen  
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**From:** KeeshanAudino@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 2:36 PM  
**To:** fcc.gov@mailgate1.fcc.gov  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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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 Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

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**From:** SABR438@aol.com

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**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 5:01 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica DesaiFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Cc:** SABR438@aol.com; ellenm@clearyschool.org; HearUsLongIsland@aol.com; oreilly@foxnews.com; sh@ldhh.org; veda@vestibular.org**Subject:** Recent decision by FCC

September 18, 2006

My 11 yr.old daughter Anna went suddenly deaf 2 yrs ago in the middle of the night, no fever, no head trauma, to date no apparent reason.

I still relive the horror everyday as I see her struggle with being deaf in a hearing world.

One of the simple pleasures she's learned to use is Closed Captioning as she watches most of her favorite TV shows. To read while watching TV. Not an easy task when trying to 'catch' all the expressions of characters & reading simultaneously. And still not all programs are captioned & rarely the commercials for future programs or products.

Even with captioning, she can't hear any musical accompaniment and vocal subtleties.

Even with captioning Anna is still left at a disadvantage when captioning omits or garbles words. But that's OK. She's learned to deal with human error.

It is a disgrace to allow the FCC to give a way to eliminating captioning. Not only will present Deaf and Hard of Hearing people suffer, but the future doesn't look too bright for people who **will** suffer from age related hearing loss (it comes w/age), self -induced hearing loss (MP3 players, I Pods & cell phones linked to hearing loss) and of course those inflicted with hereditary or illness related hearing loss.

Folks at the FCC must know a few people who are deaf or hearing impaired. Take a minute and ask them how this decision will impact their lives.

This loophole created will no doubt be taken advantage of by everyone in the media industry. Millions of Deaf / Hard of Hearing were looking forward to the enforcement of Closed Captioning with every new program starting 2006; that they would no longer be excluded.

There would be no further discrimination because they couldn't hear.

I implore anyone addressed to have the guts to make a stand, to remember that 'someone' you know who's Deaf or Hard of Hearing,

that 'someone' you felt so badly for because they couldn't hear the chirping of birds or the buzzing of a bee, or simple conversations;

Reverse this decision by our Federal Government. With this decision, the Deaf community will loose yet another simple pleasure.

They won't be able to watch / read TV.

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President George Bush  
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Congressman Tim Bishop  
County Executive Steve Levy

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**From:** Barb Kates [barbkates@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2006 9:43 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear CGB Chief DeSai,

I protest the recent Order granting exemption from captioning issued by CGB. It is an outrage for the FCC to do anything that interferes with the availability of captioning for people with hearing loss. We need access to communication, and for many captioning is the only way to get it.

Barbara Kates  
Los Altos, CA

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**From:** Juanita Kennedy [PKENNEDY2@sc.rr.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 8:43 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** Re: Closed Caption

"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!

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**From:** Hkitch2000@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 12:18 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** (no subject)  
IN RE DA 06-1802,CGB-CC-0005 AND CGB-CC-0007

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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 consider immediately! we need out closed captioning!

Helen Kitchings

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Federal Communications Commission  
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**From:** j.p.knox [jpknox@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 1:42 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:** Closed Captioning Waivers

Aloha Chairman Martin and Members of the Commission,

... and a special Aloha to the FCC staff who do such a wonderful job for all of us.

I object - strongly - to the blanket closed captioning waivers given to outdoor and religious programming. I am in full support of TDI's position on captioning.

(Actually, I don't mind if you delete captioning from those pesky Christian programs. I really don't think our Deaf kids should be poisoned with radical religious tripe. Heck, they might grow up and become Republican Senators!, Eek.)

Seriously, TDI makes an important point: if the producers can find the money to produce the program in the first place, they can find the additional money to add closed captioning. As the population ages and the 60's flower children age and the iPod generation ages, there will be a larger and growing audience for closed captions.

The ADA was passed in 1992 and we STILL do not have full and equal access to jobs, government services, the internet - heck, I cannot even convince Apple to add closed captioning to their TV ads and I have spent THOUSANDS of dollars on their products. Now they are distributing iPods with video capability and - you guessed it - NO captions.

When the FCC extends blanket waivers to anyone and everyone who cries "poverty!" you promulgate and support the exact kind of disability discrimination that the Congress intended to end with the ADA.

Why is this important? Because when the U.S. government and its agencies allow or support exclusion and discrimination, that impacts every corner of the American Culture and Society. As long as discrimination is permitted anywhere, it will also be allowed in employment. That means people with disabilities will continue to live on government benefits when they cannot find decent jobs.

Traditionally, since the inception of the ADA, the FCC and the Disability Rights Office have been leaders, shining stars of the right ("Pono") way of doing things in a dark universe of discrimination.

I urge you, beg you, reconsider blanket waivers and force the producers to open their books and prove that the cost of captioning will end production of their shows. We deserve no less.

Mahalo and Maluhia

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**From:** Greg K [soundslikedis@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 4:31 PM  
**To:** 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 am inquiring for any further information you may have regarding 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. The Hearing Loss Association of America is outraged and believes the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Can you please elaborate on this issue, in particular addressing why this should or should not discourage a small captioning business from start up?

Thank you very much!

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**From:** Thomas Kober [tomkober@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 6:12 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

*September 22, 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,*

*Thomas Kober  
46004 Timber Road  
Vermillion, SD 57069-6970*

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**From:** Marguerite and Wally Laskowski [marwal79@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 10:00 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** closed captioning

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Office of the Secretary

*We are protesting the decision re: closed captioning. Our daughter and son-in-law are hearing impaired. Please do not take away a much needed service to people with hearing loss.  
Thank you.*

*Marguerite and Walter Laskowski  
2381 Ecuadorian Way #21  
Clearwater, FL 33763*

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**From:** PoppyL@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 6:40 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** Captioning in Churches

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Office of the Secretary

Please make is required that churches have to caption their services. It is the only way I can "hear" the service. Thank you.

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**From:** Michele Lamb [lambm@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 8:25 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
**Importance:** High

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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 Chairman and Commissioners,

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!

Michele Lamb

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**From:** Jeff & Maura Leach [jeffmaura02@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 1:35 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; jonathan.adelstan@fcc.gov; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning !!!!!!!!

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Please reverse your decision now ! We want captioned shows on TV and are paying cable bills just like everyone else and do have the right to understand shows on TV. Your decision is making this a go back to the 70s all over again, the dark ages before captioning. That era should not return and that captioning is here to stay.

As you may be aware of this, captioning is not only for deaf and hard of hearing people across America, it is used successfully with language learning with ESOL students and people who want to learn English. The audience is much broader than just deaf and hard of hearing people.

Thank you for reading this. Pls reverse your decision !

Maura and Jeff Leach

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**From:** Julia Loritz [jloritz@independencefirst.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 6:02 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

CGB Chief Monica DeSai,

I am requesting that you reconsider your recent rule change concerning closed captioning. With this decision to exempt even more organizations from providing this critically needed service, you have created a huge setback for people who are deaf and hearing impaired.

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**From:** Deb Langham [dlangham@independencefirst.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 2:56 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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

Dear Ms. 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! We need our closed captioning!

Deb Langham  
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From: JeaGemini@aol.com  
 Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 1:52 PM  
 To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
 Cc: Monica Desai  
 Subject: (no subject)

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary*Kevin Martin**Hear what other Two People Said*

*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.*

*-- Lise Hamlin, Regional Emergency Preparedness Specialist, CEPIN*

*It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. They are creating new regulations without a process. This FCC interpretation could have far reaching effects that go well beyond religious programming. The entities who asked for waivers are given consideration while those of use who will be affected are not.*

*-- Brenda Battat, Associate Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America*

*(Thanks to NVRC for sharing this important announcement with us)*

*Hopefully you will do something about this to enable us to watch anything in the very near future.*

*Sincerely,  
 Jeanne M. Lambert*

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**From:** SAILSK8@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 11:26 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Reinstate Closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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

Please reinstate the requirement for closed captioning as currently mandated. Closed captioning is vitally important to the citizens with deafness, auditory processing problems and learning disabilities who rely on this simple adaptation. It is not very costly, yet it makes a huge impact on inclusive programming.

Caroline Larson  
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**From:** Carrie Levin [carrie.levin@juno.com]

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 1:11 AM

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

**Subject:** Unfair exemptions to Religious Organizaition for captioning under 47 C.F.R. 79.1.

To the FCC and Commissioners:

I find it grossly unfair that religious organization are not only exempt from captioning to deaf and hearing challenged individuals but also not allowing the public to comment on this issue. To not allow consumers to voice their complaints seem contrary to what this organization is all about. We're not talking an undue burden here. We're talking about democracy, where consumers have a right to express their freedom of speech.

The impact for consumers would overburden with eh challenges of isolation and discrimination because of the lack of accommodations in their places of worship. Why make it harder for everyone.

Not only these exemptions are blatantly unfair, it is outrageous. To have so many made permanent when so many requested temporary, to not give consumers a fair chance to reply to these exemptions appear ludicrous to me.

It has been ten years now since the closed captioning rules were put in place. That is plenty of time for programmers to find funding and get set up to caption their programs. The decision sets a very bad precedent. A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. By creating new regulations without a process is grossly unjust. My biggest fear is that this could set a precedent for other organization to get away with complying to the ADA. This has gone on way too long.

You need to give the same consideration to the millions of deaf and hearing challenged individuals the same oppportunity you gave waivers to the religious entities. Time to stop playing the game and play fair.

It is my hope you reconsider your actions on these exemptions and listen to your consumers.

-Carrie Levin

Sunnyvale, CA

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**From:** LittletonL@aol.com**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 1:05 PM**To:** Monica Desai; Kevin Martin; Robert McDowell; Michael Cops; Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein**Subject:** FCC Exemptions on CaptioningFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Aloha Commissioners,

Please allow me to ask ONE question:

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

The FCC's recent allowing exemptions of TV networks that ask for exemptions from providing captions for their Tv programs, more than 250 of them to date, has to be your WORST decision.

You're about to send out 550 MORE of these?

I noted a lack of notice in the FCC Daily Digest notifying the public of your decision.

Your judgement to make them available in the PUBLIC REFERENCE ROOM was a downright SNEAKY way of doing things, and you DO know better!

Please do the RIGHT thing and admit you ALL made a terrible mistake NOW, before those other 550 letters go out.

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**From:** JSL567@aol.com

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:08 AM

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

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 (Closed Captioned)

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!

Thank you.

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~~OCT 19 2006~~**From:** Lennert, Michelle [LennerM@fcc.iosrios.edu]**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 11:21 PMFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell**Cc:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Protesting Closed Captioning exemption

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

The recent Orders of granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB may have adverse effect on the population of Deaf and Hard of Hearing who benefit the accessibility to information by closed captioning. Not only that, these Orders may promote the abuse of claiming the exemptions among the businesses.

As for me, I am a member of Deaf community who depend on closed captioning to gain access to information from media. Often, it's frustrating for me to experience the barrier to the information due to lack of closed captioning.

Thus, I urge you to reconsider the recent decision of new Orders of granting exemptions from closed captioning.

Michelle Lennert  
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Sacramento, CA 95817

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