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Docket No. 06-181

From: James Rothwell [JLRothwell@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 9:27 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captioning waivers

I am writing as a father of a deaf adult. The granting of exceptions to the law does not mean granting hundreds of exceptions to producing videos without closed captioning. Organizations have had 10 years to plan to do this and should not be allowed to publish on a public airway without closed captioning. Deaf have the same rights as a hearing person to hear.

**James Rothwell
Burke, VA**

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From: Paul Robertson [PMRjrTAD@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 5:51 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: Behalf of Tennessee Association of the Deaf members

Dear FCC Chairman,

On the behalf of Tennessee Association of the Deaf and Deaf communities in Tennessee, I learn 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. 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!

Paul M. Robertson, Jr., TAD President

"None of us can change our yesterdays, but we can change our tomorrows."

-- Unknown

"Stay hungry. Stay foolish."

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower."

-- Steve Jobs, Co-Apple Company founder

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From: Ryan, Shirley [Shirley.Ryan@pearson.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 6:39 AM
To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Kevin Martin
Subject: 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!

You do not know how much the hearing impaired depends on the closed captioning. I have two son who are hearing impaired and would not know anything that was happening on the television if this was not part of the programming. If the program is on the television so should the captioning.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Shirley Ryan (concerned mother)

Shirley Ryan
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From: CoreyRubin@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 11:57 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai
Cc: CADOfficers-owner@yahoogroups.com; JackieRoth@aol.com
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and committee members,

I am concerned about the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB because they provide loopholes for any entity to use "financial hardship" as an excuse to not provide closed captioning. There are many resources the entities can use to make their programs accessible to the hearing impaired community as well as foreign language communities learning to read, etc. Please turn off sound when you go home to watch your televisions to understand how difficult it is for us to follow programs without closed captioning. That's why we find it so important to have access to information as well as entertainment.

Thank you very much for your patience and attention to this crucial matter.

Philip C. Rubin, Director at Large
California Association of the Deaf, Greater Palm Springs Chapter

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From: Liz Robison [erobison@uci.edu]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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! My son loves to watch TV and go to the movies. He misses enough, especially movies that aren't shown with open captioning. Please don't add to the list of shows, movies and programs that he can't enjoy.

Thank you for your time and good judgement.

Elizabeth Robison along with her son Ted Zoerner

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From: FRebhun@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 12:49 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Closed Captions Must Must Be Restored

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Dear Commissioner DeSai,

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

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.

I have a profound hearing loss and can only enjoy movies with captions. There are only 2 theaters in my area that carry some sort of captioning and usually have the same movie playing, reducing the choice to only one. This is unacceptable.

It seems to me that this violates, or severely waters down, the American with Disabilities Act.

Please reconsider immediately! I need my closed captioning!

Francis D. Rebhun

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Candace Ruzek [candaceeruzek@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Capps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007. 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 use closed captioning all the time. I think it is outrageous that you think that you chairman and you commissioners think that you are allow to take away a service that all people who have disabilities and hearing impariments would do without.

Have you ever spent a day in the shoes of a person who is either hard of hearing or deaf or has a hearing impairment? Have you heard of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990? What rights do you think that you have taking away a service that is very truly needed.

Sincerely,

Candace Ruzek
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From: Ann Rooney [annrooney@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 2:47 PM

To: Monica Desai

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

I **really** protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CCB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I along with many others Hearing Loss people can not watch TV unless there is caption. I would like each of you to watch for one night without sound and see how long you would do that! We are outraged and believe the FCC has has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Are you now creating a new norm, expense over people watching and enjoying TV program? Hard of Hearing number is about 31 millions people. Please reconsider immediately! We NEED our closed captioning.

Sister Ann Rooney
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Burlingame, CA 94010

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Docket No. 06-181

From: MichMets@cs.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 10:55 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai
Subject: Captioning!

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

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

Thank you for your time and assistance,
Michele A. Rigon

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:32 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Captioning Waiver Ruling of September 12, 2006

Another for the 2nd list/database

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

From: ARomoff@aol.com [mailto:ARomoff@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 7:14 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: Captioning Waiver Ruling of September 12, 2006

September 18, 2006

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

To the Commissioners,

As a person with a hearing loss who relies on captioning to understand the dialogue on television programs, this is to let you know that I 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. I respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Captioning television programs meets a legitimate basic need for access to information, just as building a ramp allows people with mobility problems to access front door. CAPTIONS ARE MY RAMPS! In the case of spiritual programming, when viewers are able to read the captions, they are no longer excluded from being part of their community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens. With the baby boomers coming of age, there will be an increase in the number of people relying on captioning to understand what is being said on television programs. Now is the time to ensure that more programming, not less, is aired with captioning.

People with hearing loss, like myself, want to participate fully in all programs and services because it ensures that we are included as a vital part of our communities. We are excluded otherwise, and it should be an extraordinary case that would exempt programs from providing captioning.

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 to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years.

Closed captioning gives me information that everyone in the community receives, and it is vital for me to have as a functioning member of the community. I urge you to reverse your ruling on waivers made on September 20, 2006.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Trustee, Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (formerly SHHH-NJ)
Author, "HEAR AGAIN - Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant"

cc:

Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office
Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Patrick Ryan [patryan@excite.com]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 1:54 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Pat Ryan

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From: Tim Riker [tbriker@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 7:30 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Please rescind waivers
Monica,

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I was appalled to learn that the FCC has granted waivers to numerous organizations without alerting the public of this. Furthermore, many of them are permanent waivers.

As a hard of hearing individual, I feel my rights have been trampled on in favor of religious organizations who want to exclude people with hearing loss from their programming. I am concerned that this will create a domino effect and increase the number of programming without captioning.

It is not acceptable and a violation of long standing policy.

Tim Riker
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Washington, DC 20009
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tbriker@gmail.com

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From: Ryan, Mary [mary.ryan@avistacorp.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:12 PM

To: Monica Desai

Monica Desai, Bureau Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

I will be very "lost" and angry if I don't have "closed_captioned" text on T.V. programs, movies and religious organizations. I don't go to any church because I can't follow them (I don't know sign language). I went to a particular church for years. I quit going long time ago because I cannot follow a minister's or priest's sermons. Please do not "relax" the closed captioning rules...

Sincerely,
Mary E. Ryan

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From: Ira [lonamstven@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:51 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell
Cc: Monica Desai; cheppner@nvrc.org; NADlaw@nad.org
Subject: forgot to include my name Re: reverse the closed captioning exemptions!!

forgot to include my name/address to this message
below

Ira Rothenberg
5683 Bridlington Court, Apt. A
Columbus, OH, 43229-3839

--- Ira <lonamstven@yahoo.com> wrote:

> 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.
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Sincerely,
Mary E. Ryan

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Docket No. 06-181

From: patricia_raswant@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:48 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate
Cc: Monica Desai; cheppner@nvr.org
Subject: STOP ISSUING CAPTIONING EXEMPTIONS!

I understand that Monica Desai has been issuing countless captioning exemptions to broadcasters that do not want to caption the TV programs, DVDs, movies, etc.

In this age of capitalism, the multi-million corporations are becoming more and more greedy day by day, I can't believe Monica Desai has the nerve allowing those filthy rich corporations get away with captioning, as required by law to provide equal access to people who can't hear and depend on captioning for sources of information and entertainment.

Perhaps you can hear well and don't need captioning but one day beyond your control, you MAY wake up not able to hear or one of your relatives MAY loose their hearing, then you will regret for issuing so fucking many captioning exptemptions!

MUST CANCEL ALL CAPTIONING EXPTEMPTIONS AND STOP ISSUING CAPTIONING EXPTEMPTIONS!!!

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Kenneth L. Hill

Docket No. 06-181

From: Heidi Schack [hbschack@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 5:58 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 - please read

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners,

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 writing on behalf of my Grandmother who is hearing impaired and all Americans like her. Without closed captioning, she will have no way to watch television, something she values not only for enjoyment and entertainment but for safety and necessity of information as well. 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! Hearing impaired citizens need closed captioning!

*Sincerely,
Heidi Schack
North Providence, RI
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Docket No. 06-181
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From: Pbsenyk@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, October 08, 2006 3:56 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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CGB Chief Monica 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. 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!

Pamela Senyk

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Greenacres, FL 33413

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From: Betty Scofield [bkscofield@kc.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 6:41 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: Monica Desai; Lou217@aol.com; CARIN AT HOME
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 AND GCB-CC-0007

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Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai,

Closed Captioning is important to millions of Americans including those who are learning English as a 2nd language, those who are born deaf and hard of hearing (1% of our population), those who lose their hearing as they age and that age can be as early as those Americans in their 30's and 40's.

Please protect Closed Captioning. Please do not grant exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. It appears these orders are creating new and different regulations that will discriminate against those who do not hear as you and I do.

I have to tell you I do 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.

Personally, I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that allows, once again money to be the power play allowing individuals to say "it costs too much" .

Chairman Kevin Martin, Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Michael Copps, Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein:

Please reconsider these exemptions. Please consider those in American who need and appreciate closed captioning!

Betty K. Scofield (daughter of Deaf Parents)

713 NE Tudor Road Apt 4

Lee's Summit, Missouri 64086

The flow of blessings in our life is directly related to our passing blessings along to someone else." Thomas Kincade

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From: John Shen [johnshenster@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 9:10 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

I am very concerned about the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These orders seems to have created a new regulation not in keeping with current regulations. Please reconsider immediately. We need our closed captioning.

John Shen
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North Potomac, MD 20878

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Jss3550@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 10:35 PM

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

Subject: (no subject)

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

Dear FCC Chairman,

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 writing on behalf of my Mother who is hearing impaired and all Americans like her. Without closed captioning, she will have no way to watch television, something she values not only for enjoyment and entertainment but for safety and necessity of information as well. 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! Hearing impaired citizens need closed captioning!

Sincerely,
Janet Schack
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From: Nancy Stanley [nms2@psu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 8:45 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Dasai
Cc: nms2@psu.edu
Subject: RE DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Dear FCC Chairman Martin and Commissioners,

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Exemptions from closed captioning--What a concept!!! It is important to understand the importance of closed captions to people with hearing loss and why those of us with hearing loss are concerned and protesting the exemptions. Without captioning throughout the entire spectrum of information, those of us with severe losses are literally cut off from fully engaging in activities and gathering information, including emergency information, that hearing people have. In many instances this can be very critical emergency information. You play a very important role in assuring equal access to all people across our nation.

Therefore, I personally protest the recent FCC Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the CGB. Such Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new basis for exemptions and opening the door for many other exemptions. The FCC has created a loophole for any organization or entity to simply claim that costs are too high for them to provide captioning. Please reconsider your decision and assure the community of people with hearing loss equal access to the information we need. Thanks in advance for re-considering this very important issue.

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 Captel: 877-243-2823 (toll free captioned phone line -- my home phone will then be requested)

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Docket No. 06-181

From: Keith Sass [keithsass@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:12 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 27, 2006
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

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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,

Keith Sass
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From: Noflo2@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 2:34 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: (no subject)

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FLORENCE STEIGER

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