

Docket No. 06-181

**Kenneth L. Hill**

**From:** Asco85@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 5:54 PM  
**To:** Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate; Michael.Copp@fcc.gov; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: Action Alert: Closed Captioning Threatened!

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

To the CGB Chief and Commissioners,

**ACTION ALERT: CLOSED CAPTIONING THREATENED!**

On Wed. Sept 13, 2006, the FCC issued one of the worst decisions it has ever issued on closed captioning. The Order is on the web site shown below. Basically the order grants two requests for exemptions from the requirement to closed caption, a requirement in place since 1996 and that has ensured more and more closed captioning on television.

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

The gist of what the FCC has done is to open the door to many more exemptions. It appears also the FCC's action creates a rule change that defines a new category of exemption from the captioning rules, cutting the legs out from the current "undue burden" proof currently needed to get an exemption for captioning requirement.

What the FCC has done is very serious. This new interpretation of the rules for asking for an exemption from having to closed caption has far reaching effects that go well beyond the specific TV programming in these two Orders and could extend to any entity, regardless of its resources, if they can make a case that "we cant afford it" or "it might shut us down."

Please contact the following persons at the FCC and send thousands of emails and letters protesting this decision. Thank you for caring about this!

Sample email. Please customize:

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
 Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting  
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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!

**PLEASE KEEP CLOSED CAPTIONING.. WE, THE DEAF, DEPEND TOTALLY ON IT.!!!**

Sincerely,  
Ann Sandell  
7700 W. 62nd Ave. #202  
Arvada, CO 80004  
Email: ASCO85@AOL.COM

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**Pam Gregory**

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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 8:53 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW:  
Undue burden exemption email

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**From:** laura ssss [mailto:musicmind75@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 9:06 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; Inc.info@tdi-online.org  
**Subject:**

September 21, 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 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. 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

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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.

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Closed captioning gives me 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 me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Laura Safranski  
3102 N. 28th St.  
Phoenix, Az 85016

cc:

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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

Your US Senator and/or US Congressman

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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 6:12 PM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: In Support of...

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**From:** Jennifer Smith [mailto:jennifersmithcrr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 4:50 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org  
**Subject:** In Support of...

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Closed captioning gives everyone access to news that is indispensable to the community, entertainment, and education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Smtih  
2132 Fenton Pkwy  
#102  
San Diego, CA 92108  
jennifersmithcrr@gmail.com

cc:  
Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

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Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer & Governmental Affairs  
Bureau  
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office  
Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability Rights Office  
TDI  
Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger

**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Al Sonnenstrahl [sonny@pobox.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:48 AM  
**To:** Jonathan Adelstein; Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; 'Al Sonnenstrahl'  
**Subject:** RE: Exemptions for Closed Captions

*Dear FCC Commissioners:*

*I trust that you may find the following article, even though it was printed in Scotland, helpful in your reconsideration on exemptions for closed captions.*

*Sincerely,*  
*Alfred Sonnenstrahl*  
*10910 Brewer House Rd*  
*Rockville, MD 20852*

*sonny@pobox.com*  
*800-971-0691 Voice*

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*From the newsroom of The Herald, Glasgow, Scotland, Wednesday, September 20, 2006 .....*

*Half of deaf people have felt suicidal, survey finds*  
*by DAMIEN HENDERSON*

*Deaf people are more likely to contemplate suicide than their hearing counterparts and have greater difficulty getting help with their problems, it was claimed yesterday.*

*Almost half of people interviewed by Deaf Connections, a Glasgow-based charity, in a survey said they had considered killing themselves.*

*They also found it difficult to join Alcoholics Anonymous or mental health groups which lacked deaf awareness and money to pay for translators, the charity claimed.*

*It highlighted issues such as isolation and communication problems as likely to contribute to depression among deaf people. These were especially acute among those who had become deaf rather than being born with the condition, the charity said, pointing to previous research which found 17% of this group suffered from depression, compared with 5% of the general population. Gordon Chapman, chief executive of Deaf Connections, said people who lose their hearing often feel intense anger and frustration.*

*"It can impact on their work, social life and relationships," he said. "Even simple things like watching television or answering the phone can become fraught with difficulty."*

*A report by the charity highlighted concerns deaf children often suffer from bullying and isolation, are vulnerable and prone to low self-esteem.*

*Other deaf groups identified in the report as more likely to be vulnerable are fathers who feel excluded from their children's lives after becoming deaf, adolescent children and mothers with unrecognised post-natal depression.*

*The charity claimed that deaf children previously at specialist schools suffered more in mainstream education because they did not have such a strong group identity.*



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**From:** Jean Trussell [jtrus10245@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 6:22 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
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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,*

*Jean Trussell  
1413 Eastview Drive  
Garland, TX 75040-7545*

**Pam Gregory**

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**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 6:22 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
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1413 Eastview Drive  
Garland, TX 75040-7545

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**From:** LeRoy Terrio [leroy.terrio2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2006 11:22 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 27, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

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Sincerely,

LeRoy Terrio  
3905 Vintage Pl  
Flower Mound, TX 75028-8512

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**From:** Sheryl Tabor [Stabor@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2006 7:15 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** closed captioning

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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!

Sheryl Tabor  
2310 Laurel Valley Rd.  
Thibodaux, La. 70301

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**From:** Taber, Marcia [Taber.Marcia@tchden.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 1:11 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Cops; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** STOP!

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

>Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from  
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>Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

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*Marcia L. Taber*

Manager, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services  
The Children's Hospital  
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Denver, CO 80218  
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Thank you

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**Pam Gregory**

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**From:** S. & P. Thompson [sptsb@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 9:03 PM  
**To:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captions on TV

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FCC Commissioners:

One day this past March, I suddenly and permanently lost my hearing in one ear. The way actors mumble, it is very hard to understand dialogue now. Without closed captioning, I might as well sell my TV set!

Please remember those of us who are handicapped hearing-wise. I am very upset by the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB and ask you to reconsider and require TV broadcasters to continue providing the captions which are badly needed.

While writing to you, I would also like to mention that many radio stations still permit their hosts to use inappropriate language while on the air. This is unpleasant for adults and certainly no example for today's youth.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Pauline Thompson

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**From:** Rev. Edward L. Tatro, Jr., D.Div. [edward.tatro@adelphia.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 8:21 PM  
**To:** Deborah Tate; Monica Desai; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** edward.tatro@adelphia.net  
**Subject:** Closed Caption Exemption Ruling

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

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*Rev. Dr. Edward L. Tatro, Jr., D.Div., PhD.  
Waterbury, CT 06708*

**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Mara Turner [wildcrazygirl\_2001@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 5:20 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** 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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I am hearing impaired college student. I have over 100 relative that are alive right now who are deaf too. We all rely on closed caption in many media. My class also used some educational TV show and used it to show it to class. When it is not closed captioned, looking at the interpreter is very difficult, because I cannot look at the TV when interpreter is standing near the TV. I had to look at interpreter to understand what is going on, and it still confused me because many interpreter cannot interprets the conversation between many people that usually occurs on TV. I ended up failing the class because of that reason. I strongly recommend that you guys don't cancel the closed caption, it is a MUST in all TV. In the future, it should be on ALL TV programs. not one of them should be without closed caption. Deaf people are growing numbers around us. The population of the deaf will continue to grow, if you let one TV show to cancel the closed caption, this will be big problem in the future. Don't leave us out of the TV shows, We want to watch TV just like you guys. It is a insult that you guys don't include us as an audience.

Sincerely  
Mara Thompson

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**From:** wanda toledo [lucia35@care2.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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September 21, 2006  
Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

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*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

wanda toledo  
308 s 56th ave  
hollywood, FL 33023-1406

**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Don Taylor [Don.Taylor@cpcc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 10:46 AM  
**To:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning Threatened

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

Dear FCC Committee persons:

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. As a Disability Service provider at a College in North Carolina, 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 closed captioning!

Everyone has the right to fully participate in our media oriented world. Closed captioning assists in that endeavor.

Please reconsider this decision.

Thank you!

*Don Taylor, Associate Dean*

*Career & Disability Services*

*Ofc: 704.330.6739*

*Fax: 704.330.6270*

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

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**Pam Gregory**

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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:13 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: I am deaf & Closed Captioning is my access to the world

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 6:45 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King  
**Subject:** I am deaf & Closed Captioning is my access to the world

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Traina  
165 Norma Ct  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
[datraina@charter.net](mailto:datraina@charter.net)

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  
Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator - California  
Barbara Boxer, United States Senator - California  
Mike Thompson, United States Congressman - 1st District California

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**From:** Debra Tilkins [dtilkins@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:51 AM

**To:** Monica Desai

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Dear FCC Commissioner,

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Sincerely,

Debra Tilkins

Mother of a severely hearing impaired teenager

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**From:** Tanner Lynn M. [ltanner@jeffco.k12.co.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 12:05 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** closed captioning

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Dear Chief DeSai:

I am thoroughly discouraged by the recent actions of the FCC in granting exemptions from closed captioning to a few organizations - Anglers for Christ Ministries, Inc. and New Beginnings Ministries. We need closed captioning to help us, the ever-growing number of hearing impaired people in this country, to stay employed, to stay involved, and to lessen the sometimes overwhelming feelings of isolation that take place with a hearing loss. Please think again before you grant another exemption to regulations that have helped so many.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Tanner

ltanner@jeffco.k12.co.us

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From: Patty Tadak [tadakp@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 8:05 PM

Federal Communications Commission  
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To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Cops; Johnathan.Adelsten@fcc.gov; Monica Desai

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Try wearing ear plugs and turn off the sound yourself and figure out what they're saying. Believe me you wouldn't want that cut off from us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Patricia A. Tadak  
84 Satinwood Dr.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225



Patty



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**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 1:52 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**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 reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

**How would you feel if you became deaf tomorrow?** How would you feel if you have sudden hearing loss? We need the captioning to have effective communication. We are normal human beings but cannot hear. We need the information typed on our TV screens to understand what's being said. Many newscasters talk so fast in which it is difficult for us to lipread. The words are melted together. According to Sergei Kochkin, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Better Hearing Institute, the hearing loss population has grown to 31.5 million people with major increases in the baby boomer and elderly 75+ age brackets.

Please keep the captioning!!

Thank you,

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