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Docket No. 06-181

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**From:** Leuler3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 13, 2006 12:57 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** DA06-1802,CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

Hello,

I am outraged that the FCC is allowing organizations to become exempt from the closed captioning requirements. This is a case of blatant discrimination of the hard of hearing population--a group which is already discriminated against. There are millions of us who depend on captions to "understand" television programming.

So that you may better comprehend how this action affects us, may I suggest that you spend one evening wearing ear plugs while watching television. Watch it with captioning on and then off. Be aware that hearing aids do not give us back the hearing we may once have had. We still must lip read, or in the case of television, use captioning. Missing even one word in a sentence makes it difficult to "understand" a programming.

Please reverse your decision of September 13, 2006, exempting closed captioning for not-for-profit broadcasters. Do not allow this loophole.

Thank you for listening,

Laurel Euler

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From: dclay [dclay@cox.net]  
 Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 11:33 AM  
 To: Monica Desai  
 Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai,

I strongly 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! We've come this far....please don't put us back in the dark!

Darelynn Clay  
 9622 St George St  
 Spring Valley, CA 91977

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you:*

1. *Jesus Christ*
2. *The American G. I.*

*One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.*

~Darelynn~

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**From:** WaechterC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2006 10:35 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Captioning

Dear FCC Chairman Kevin Martin:

It is hard to understand how an organization whose purpose is communication could vote to leave out a huge segment of our population from programming which could be vital to their lives. Closed captioning is important to the 31.5 million hard of hearing people in our country. Please reconsider granting exemptions from closed captioning. CC is an important communication tool for hard of of hearing individuals.

Carol Waechter  
Lipreading Instructor  
Long Beach City College  
Long Beach, California  
and HLA-CA Vice President

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**From:** Esther Snively [esthersnively@mac.com]

**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 7:36 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** Closed Captioning important to HOH

Dear 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. 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 our closed captioning!

Esther Snively  
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**From:** Albert Duenkel [dziadzu31@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 4:57 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** closed captioning

please recind the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by cgb. these orders will create a new regulation that is biased, also they are not in compliance with current regulation and will only lead to other entities trying to eliminate closed captioning. the regulation as it now stands has been a blessing to the hearing impaired, please sit in front of a tv with the sound off and see how much of the proگرامing you enjoy. thank you, albert dunkel

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**From:** Grace Tiessen [gracetiessen@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 1:48 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 Closed Captioning  
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Dear CGB Chief Monica DeSai:

I am hard of hearing and rely on captioning. 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. 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!

Grace Tiessen  
714 Prospect Blvd  
Pasadena, CA, 91103  
Past President, Hearing Loss Assn of California  
The largest consumer organization of hard of hearing people in the United States

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**From:** Deborah Miller [deafpower2000@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 2:02 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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November 10, 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,

Deborah Miller  
12 Holcomb St  
Danville, VA 24541-6122

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**From:** Dorothy Vickers [rica95136@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 12:40 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** Closed Caption

Dear FCC Chairman Kevin Martin,

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!

Your name, your address, your title.

Dorothy Vickers  
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From: Evelyn and Norm Gardner [normgard@comcast.net]  
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 12:19 PM  
To: Monica Desai  
Subject: closed captioning  
To those that can hear:

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Imagine if you will a world with no sound.....try watching t.v. with no captioning.....you can't go to a movie, listen to the radio, or do what many other normal people do. How would you like that?

There should be no question about whether there should be captioning on all things on the t.v. because of the cost. The cost to those who can't hear would pay dearly with the quality of their lives. Especially the older ones who use it for their companion and entertainment.

Life is measured in the QUALITY not the cost as it seems is happening. Captioning for everyone who needs it on t.v.....not to much to ask.

Evelyn Gardner

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**From:** Cindy Wallace [dcwallace@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 11:59 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning  
Dear CGB Chief

I am deeply concerned about the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

It sounds like these orders will create a new regulation, with a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

My son is almost 9 years old and he is hearing impaired. I watch every morning as he reads the closed captioning on T.V. If it wasn't for the closed captioning then he would not be able to keep up with the story line on. Surely there must be other ways to cut costs?

Could you please search your heart...one more time? It is very isolating for those who struggle with hearing and the closed caption is one way that keeps those who are hearing impaired feel part of what's going on not to mention additional TV viewers for you. Closed Captioning is very important to our family, please reconsider.

I thank you so very much for your time and God Bless.

Cindy Wallace  
2122 Jarama Court El Cajon, CA 92019

\*Vice President of the "San Diego Cochlear Implant Group" and mother to a very special boy. ☺

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**From:** Carol Agate [carolagate@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 10, 2006 11:09 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** captioning exemption

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

I am hard of hearing and rely on captioning. Finally most programs are captioned and I can enjoy TV - and can enjoy movies by waiting until their DVDs come out. After years of slow but steady improvement you are turning things around and granting exemptions simply because providers can't afford captioning. Please don't allow this loophole that will again leave me excluded from enjoying TV.

A large proportion of the population is losing hearing as they age. Keep captioning available for them, and don't go back on a final goal of 100%.

Carol Agate

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**From:** Dean DeRusso [dderusso@rcil.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2006 2:12 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

November 9, 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,

Dean DeRusso  
497 State Street  
Rochester, NY 14608-1642

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**From:** Sarah Hafer [charityh@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 08, 2006 5:32 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

November 8, 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.

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Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hafer  
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**From:** Shields, Fannae H [fannae.shields@utdallas.edu]

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**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 5:43 PMFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Close Cap

Way to go, hey why not band Spanish station from speaking that language on TV too. After all the rest of us can't understand what is being said there either.

The stupidity of asking why CC is needed, is as like asking why a wheelchair is needed, or a cane or seeing dog is needed.

While I may not watch TV often mainly for the news and weather because it does require my attention to read what is being said, I depend on the C.A.R.T. service I receive at my church and at other gathering where there are more of us together.

We too would enjoy a quality life just like most hearing people do. The number of people who are becoming hearing impaired is growing by leaps so get ready for a slap in the face when they find you cut them off from enjoying a relaxing program or sport event on TV.

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