

Docket No. 05-231

Feldman_TC_Don't roll back
From: Shane Feldman [ShaneFeldman@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 4:02 AM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

August 15, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. I must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

I support the Application for Review of Clarification of Obligation of Video Programming Distributors to Make Emergency Information Accessible to Persons with Hearing Disabilities Using Closed Captioning, sent by seven national consumer organizations on August 14, 2006, CG-Docket # 05-231.

Sincerely,

Shane Feldman
212 E Melbourne Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20901-3513

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From: FCCINFO
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 10:25 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000137633 transferred from gloria.verduzco
pam.gregory

Please DO NOT Reply to this email.

This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name gloria.verduzco at 10:24:33 AM on 8/24/2006 with the description:

You can access this problem through your queue.

Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
Submission Method: Email
Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Email: stefeyne@cs.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite
Level 3 Scripts: Emergency Video

Stefeyne@cs.com wrote on 8/18/2006 10:26:14 AM :

To Whom It May Concern,

Please make sure that Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can understand emergency bulletins. With the aging of America, this constitutes a surprisingly large percentage of the population. By not requiring captioning, the FCC is endangering the lives of the American public.

As a result of a recent clarification from the FCC, newscasters in the top 25 television markets* (reaching more than 40% of the US population) can easily avoid their obligations to caption their emergency bulletins.

While it is true that television stations are permitted to use visual aids other than captioning to make their emergency bulletins accessible (e.g. maps, crawling text, graphics, or pictures on paper in front of a camera), none of these methods are equal to captioning in the amount of information that they provide.

Broadcasters in the top 25 markets are already required to caption their regular newscasts and have established relationships with captioning providers that they can summon during an emergency. The problem is that the clarification says that the FCC will not investigate if a TV station claims that they could not use captioning during a local emergency.

This action by the FCC will put our lives in danger. Next time there is an emergency, we may only see maps on the TV, but will not know the important details of the emergency such as the safest routes to travel, what to do to "shelter in place" (or stay inside wherever you are), where to go to a shelter, when it is safe to come out again and resume normal activities?

News broadcasters must serve everyone in their communities, and that includes making their emergency bulletins fully accessible so that all people can take whatever action is necessary to save their lives, secure their property and loved ones.

Thank you.

Stephanie Feyne

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From: JoAnn Gutz [gutzjo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 12:52 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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August 18, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. I must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

I support the Application for Review of Clarification of Obligation of Video Programming Distributors to Make Emergency Information Accessible to Persons with Hearing Disabilities Using Closed Captioning, sent by seven national consumer organizations on August 14, 2006, CG-Docket # 05-231.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Gutz
1027 Renee Ct NW
Bemidji, MN 56601-9959

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Pam Gregory

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 8:57 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Anne Greenwald [mailto:Annedanser33@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2006 8:52 AM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 7, 2006
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. I must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

I support the Application for Review of Clarification of Obligation of Video Programming Distributors to Make Emergency Information Accessible to Persons with Hearing Disabilities Using Closed Captioning, sent by seven national consumer organizations on August 14, 2006, CG-Docket # 05-231.

Sincerely,

Anne Greenwald
3081 NE Nathan Dr
Bend, OR 97701-5881

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sgarcia@deafservicecenter.com wrote on 8/17/2006 9:44:05 AM :

August 16, 2006

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

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the petition filed by TDI and other national organizations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on August 14, 2006 requesting that you rescind your clarification of 8/7/06 regarding captioning of emergency announcements on TV.

Given that the local broadcasters in the top 25 television markets currently have real-time closed captioning capabilities, and provide captions routinely for their local news shows, I fully expect them to provide closed captioning for all breaking news, including emergency announcements that are broadcast to their viewers.

For example, if I live in Florida, and there is a hurricane, I would want my local TV station to tell me using closed captions when the hurricane is about to strike, its current direction and speed, immediate action to take, and if I need to evacuate, when it is safe to return to my property.

Closed captioning gives me many more details, nearly equal to what is audible. While visual information is welcome via other methods, such as crawls, signs, and graphics, the information that they convey is limited, and this can endanger my life, health, and safety, and property during an emergency. My survival needs and my family's are equally important to those of others in the community.

I support TDI's request that the FCC withdraw its August 7, 2006 clarification notice, and continue to maintain its effective enforcement of its current 79.2 regulations on emergency information broadcasts. Human lives are precious, and access to safety information is a vital American right!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Silvia R. Garcia
937 Bradley Court
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
sgarcia@maximumsuccess.com

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cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office

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Gunter_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 10:11 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Anne Gunter [mailto:agunter@progresscil.org]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 10:02 AM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 22, 2006
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. I must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

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Sincerely,

Anne Gunter
6301 N. Sheridan Rd, #20-F
Chicago, IL 60660-1767

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From: Celeste Gross [celestegross@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 11:12 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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August 29, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. Everyone must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

I support the Application for Review of Clarification of Obligation of Video Programming Distributors to Make Emergency Information Accessible to Persons with Hearing Disabilities Using Closed Captioning, sent by seven national consumer organizations on August 14, 2006, CG-Docket # 05-231.

Sincerely,

Celeste Gross
529 46th Street
Baltimore, MD 21224-3107

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Gross_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 8:24 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Cc: Thomas Chandler
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Celeste Gross [mailto:celestegross@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2006 11:12 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

August 29, 2006
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From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:22 AM
To: Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Tom Chandler
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thomas.chandler@fcc.gov

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

From: Lynette Gibson [mailto:charmed474@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 8:42 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 22, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

The FCC clarification of the emergency captioning requirements was wrong. All emergency information must be captioned with no exceptions. I must be aware of emergency situations such as a terror alert or impending natural disaster.

I support the Application for Review of Clarification of Obligation of Video Programming Distributors to Make Emergency Information Accessible to Persons with Hearing Disabilities Using Closed Captioning, sent by seven national consumer organizations on August 14, 2006, CG-Docket # 05-231.

Sincerely,

Lynette Gibson
3003 W Granada Ct
Apt 12
Peoria, IL 61604-1178

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Gutz_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 9:19 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Another PN-related email.

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

From: JoAnn Gutz [mailto:gutzjo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 12:52 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

August 18, 2006
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

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GarciaNorma_Cmrs_Don't roll back

From: FCCINFO

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 2:07 PM

To: Pam Gregory

Subject: CIMS CIMS00000135784 transferred from sandi.johnson to
pam.gregory

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Please DO NOT Reply to this email.

This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name sandi.johnson at 2:07:14 PM on 9/11/2006 with the description:

You can access this problem through your queue.

Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
Submission Method: Email
Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Email: blondesaremorefun@msn.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite
Level 3 Scripts: Emergency Video

blondesaremorefun@msn.com wrote on 8/16/2006 9:34:09 PM :

August 16, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners,

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For example, I live in Florida (a state hit hard by recent hurricanes), and if there is a tornado in the tropics, I would want my local TV station to tell me using closed captions when the tornado is about to strike, its current direction and speed, immediate action to take, and when it is safe to go outside again.

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GarciaNorma_Cmrs_Don't roll back safety, and property during an emergency. It also affects my ability to protect my family. As a deaf single mother, my son's safety and well-being are endangered if I am unable to protect him due to lack of adequate information. My survival needs are equally important to those of others in the community who are in the same position as I am.

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I support TDI's request that the FCC WITHDRAW its August 7, 2006 clarification notice, and continue to maintain its effective enforcement of its current 79.2 regulations on emergency information broadcasts. Human lives are pre-empted and access to safety information is a vital American right!

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Norma B. Garcia
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Miami, Florida 33175
blondesaremorefun@msn.com

cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office

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Gibson_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
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To: Pam Gregory
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