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From: Teresa Giardina (tbone_kneegrabber@yahoo.com)
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 4:22 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

September 21, 2006
Monica Desai

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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,

*Teresa Giardina
PO BOX 31815
Philadelphia, PA 19104-0515*

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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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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
hbschack@hotmail.com*

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From: Gonzalez, Leslie [lgonzalez@Stavros.org]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 4:53 PM
To: Kevin.Martin@fcc.org
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, and CGB-CC-0007

September 22, 2006
Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, and CGB-CC-0007

Mr. Kevin Martin
Chairman
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 2054

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! Sincerely, Joseph Tringali Director of Services

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From: Gary Brick (brick@mac.com)
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 3:11 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: Monica Desai
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

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Office of the Secretary

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

*Dear Chairman Martin and FCC 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. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. This is completely unacceptable, please reconsider immediately! Any organization capable of funding the production and airing of a television program is entirely capable of supporting the miniscule added cost of captioning the program.
We need our closed captioning!*

*Gary Brick
4606 Stephanie Street
Beltsville, MD 20705*

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From: Darrell Jacobs [jacobs@impactci.org]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 3:38 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** DA -6-1802, CGB-CC-0005 & 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 will cost too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately. We need our closed Captioning!!"

Darrell L. Jacobs
Impact, INC.
Staff Interpreter/Interpreter Coordinator
2735 E Broadway
Alton, Ill. 62002

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From: Jeanne Dzik [jeanarlene@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 6:26 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: DA06-1802,CGB-CC-0005 & CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner,

PLEASE DO NOT WEAKEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSED CAPTIONING. CC has broadened my world. Without it I can't understand the news or other programs on TV. I depend on CC to keep me up to date with current events or emergency announcements in my area.

Thank you,

Ms Jeanne Dzik

POB 182 Lake Ann, MI 49650

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From: alice dungan [alicedungan1@prodigy.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 1:12 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: EXEMPTION TO CLOSE CAPTIONING

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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

REF: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

Dear Ms Desai:

I am Hard of Hearing and I would like to have MORE television shows captioned NOT less as granted by the FCC's recent Order on Closed Captioning Exemption. Any attempt to decrease my access to television is terribly upsetting. There are still far too many shows I want to watch that I can't. Please don't make a bad situation worse by allowing corporations to lessen their responsibility to those of us who struggle constantly to learn and enjoy the things that most people take for granted. One of the factors that is most upsetting about the FCC's change is that I suspect (and I think you do also) that a lot of the companies who say that they "CAN'T" afford to spend ... just "DON'T WANT" to spend. And that the statement that "it might shut us down" is just a ploy to cut expenses. It's human (and corporate!) nature to be greedy!

I want to "see" television just like the rest of the world and for me that means captioning. The more the better which is certainly not the direction (and may I say.. the very autocrat direction) that the FCC's is taking.

Please reconsider.

Regards,
Alice Dungan
6906 Shalkop St.
Phila., Pa. 19128

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From: ljoyakers@charter.net
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 2:18 PM
To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai
Subject: FCC Closed Caption Regulations

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Sir/Madam:

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. I am upset 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 just heard about this new ruling and as the mother of a deaf child, I want to ask that you please reconsider this. This will exempt a whole group of people (deaf & hard of hearign) from having access to programming that is readily available to everyone else. I understand that some organizations cannot afford this financial burden but the current regulations provide for that. Do not allow a loophole that will allow all entities a way to avoid their responsibility to provide equal access.

*Lisa Akers
Kingsport, TN*

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From: Teresa Cochran, PhD [tcsule@cox.net]

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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:20 AM

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

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Subject: FCC Closed Captioning Exemptions

Dear Misters Martin, Copps, Adelstein, McDowell and Ms Tate:

I am stunned that you would approve approximately 550 exemptions to the Closed Captioning requirement for Television programs! As a hearing impaired viewer who relies on having that available and using it on a daily basis, I must protest strongly. I know this is a costly requirement but who could be so insensitive to the needs of the population of hearing impaired and deaf?

Please reconsider your actions.

Sincerely,
Tessa Cochran, PhD
635 S. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-683-6913
tcsule@cox.net

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From: Karyn Campbell [karyn1421@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 4:51 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

460 Raintree Ct., #3K
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Saturday September 23, 2006

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 even if it would not cost this entity too much to carry out the order and insert closed captioning in their programming. These entities must not be allowed to get away with diminishing access to television entertainment and news programming for those with hearing impairments such that they cannot understand speech. These people have as much right to equal enjoyment of this type of programming as do people who can hear, comprehend and understand speech.

Please reconsider immediately! Closed captioning is needed by those with hearing impairments who cannot rely on speech in order to receive information from Television programming which, if taken away, would deprive these members of our population of the enjoyment of all entertainment programming as well as news in informational programming. This ruling must not be allowed to stand.

Thank you in advance for your time, attention, and what I hope will be a speedy reconsideration of this faulty ruling. Everyone should have access to entertainment and news programming, not just those who can hear.

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Karyn Campbell, karyn1421@comcast.net

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From: Suebeach@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 6:47 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 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!

Sue Weglowski
166 Shaw Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

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From: Anne McLaughlin [annemcl@teleport.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 4:37 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein
Cc: 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 Chairman Martin and Commissioners Tate, McDowell, Copps and Adelstein,

I am deeply disappointed to hear of the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

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 can be used by almost any entity crying "it costs too much".

This also appears to constitute a change of FCC rules without proper notice to, and comments from, the public, which seems to violate federal procedure law.

Please reconsider immediately!

*I need and use closed captioning more and more every year, and think that it should be more well known, not cut back!
Thank you for your attention.*

Anne McLaughlin

*2743 NW Thurman, #5
Portland OR 97210-2252*

cc Monica DeSai, CGB

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**From:** Melissa Carino [Melissa@BostonWomensFund.org]**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 11:49 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate**Cc:** aapdjenifer@aol.com**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!

Melissa Carino
Young Women's Programs Coordinator
melissa@bostonwomensfund.org
p. 617.725.0035 x.3008 | m. 617.233.3095

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• p. 617.725.0035 • f. 617.725.0277 • www.bostonwomensfund.org

"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." - Aboriginal Activist Sister

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**From:** Hmcblair@aol.com**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2006 7:40 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** re: new FCC ruling on Closed Captioning

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

Dear FCC Chairman,

On behalf of my two grandchildren who were born deaf we 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!

Our family needs closed captioning!

Raymond and Helen Blair

2541 Oakwood Road

Ortonville, MI 48462

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

From: Chris Haggerty [haggerty@ntelos.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 7:28 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: No exemptions to captioning regulations

Dear FCC Chairman 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!

Without captioning I missed sufficient dialog in most programs to not make them worth watching. With captioning, I can even watch and follow Spanish language programs, understanding what is taking place. It is real important to me that if I want to watch a program, that captioning exists. Please no exceptions. We need our closed captioning!

Sincerely,

Christopher Haggerty
1844 Wayland Dr
Winchester, VA 22601
haggerty@ntelos.net

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From: krista [kgalyen@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 9:36 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: no loopholes for closed captioning!

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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 whom it may concern:

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. I would rather the government help those who need additional monies funding for captioning, not allowing loopholes. This affects not only deaf, but elderly. What about the ADA? It seems this is not the way to go about the problem.

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!

*Krista Galyen
8050 Pioneer Drive #506
Anchorage, Alaska 99504*

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From: Brianna McCarthy [babyboymason2003@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 5:57 PM

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

Subject: OUTRAGED OVER CLOSED CAPTIONING DECISION

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners,

I am a 35 year old hard of hearing mother of two outraged at the lack of closed captioning on all television programming. I have been waiting for it to be mandatory on ALL programming and have now learned that you have allowed exemptions to the closed captioning requirement.

Do you realize that hearing loss is the number one disability in this country affecting up to 10 % of the American population? This is a large number of people being affected by your decisions to allow ANY programming to be uncaptioned.

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB in Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 . 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. It does not cost too much and it is invaluable for those of us dependent on it. Would you tell people in wheelchairs that curb cuts cost too much? No. This is as important. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Respectfully submitted,

Brianna McCarthy
142 Rosemont Street
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522
912-634-0115

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From: kelleyellsworth@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 5:37 PM

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

Cc: jenniferrquinn@hotmail.com

Subject: PLEASE SAVE CLOSED CAPTIONING

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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

PLEASE FIGHT HARD TO KEEP CLOSED CAPTIONING! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!

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!

Kelley Ellsworth
3135 38th St NW
Washington DC 20016

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From: LANDBEEHAPPY@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 7:03 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: Re CGB Chief Monica DeSai DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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

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 for people with and without disabilities.

I as a person with a disability 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!

Sincerely,

Muggs Ballard

4009 Susan Lane Penngrove, CA 94951

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From: COOKEAGLE@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 11:44 AM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 & CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it cost too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

I am a hearing impaired person with profound hearing loss and the use of close captioning is a very important aid in enjoying television, movies and staying in touch with what is going on in the world. I am getting very tired, metaphorically" being told to get in the back of the bus. We want to be treated fairly and sit in the front of the bus just like the people who do not have hearing problems. So I ask that this action by you Ms DeSai, Mr Chairman, and other Commissioners be stopped, so we all can enjoy what's on television, movies and other entertainment venues that help enrich our lives.

Respectively yours,
Wayne E. Cook, Jr
17266 SE 94th Coultts Circle
The Villages, FL 32162-1867
352-751-6065

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From: Sherrill Graviano [sgraviano@houston.rr.com]**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 6:34 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007Federal Communications Commission
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. 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! I cannot possibly watch any TV without it.

Thank you in advance for protecting the rights of ALL American citizens irregardless of the abilities or disabilities to enjoy watching TV in our homes.

Sherrill Graviano
sgraviano@houston.rr.com
15624 ½ South Brentwood
Channelview, TX 77530

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From: Wendy Jonas Calhoun [wendy1@erols.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 3:24 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission
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!

Wendy Calhoun
9806 Ashburton Lane
Bethesda, MD 20817

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From: Yenter Tu [LeTu2854@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 9:42 AM
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

October 2, 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,

Yenter Tu
PO Box 92053
Lafayette, LA 70509-2053

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From: Marie Drew [marie.drew@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 5:20 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Repeal the CC exemption NOW

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

How DARE you! I would like for you to be deaf for just one week, and see if you would so glibly vote the same way. 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! Marie Drew Canonsburg, PA

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From: ABCohenDE@aol.com**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 6:16 AM**To:** FCCINFO; Michael Copps; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org**Subject:** RECONSIDER FCC EXEMPTIONS FOR CLOSED CAPTIONINGFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Regarding the Matter of DA-06-1802A1

My name is Amy Cohen Efron, and I am a deaf person who is a registered voter in the State of Georgia. Closed Captioning is a most vital accessibility tool for me to use and it helped me to be a part of the mainstream society. It helped me to understand what is happening and what is being said on television, and it helped to bring closer to my family, friends and the community.

I still have a very vivid recollection about my dad went to Sears in 1980 and he purchased a bulky closed captioning decoder unit which cost over \$350 dollars. It was very expensive back then, especially my dad couldn't afford luxuries for his family. Once he brought this unit home, I was only 13 years old, and I practically broke down crying with extreme joy and delight. Imagine that I prefer having closed captioning decoder OVER the Atari gaming system which I have turned down? Imagine!

After opening this box with glee, and my dad and I instantly hooked up this decoder to our old television. I practically FORCED my family to watch a very FEW shows with closed captions WITH ME as a PART OF THE FAMILY. (There were only handful of prime-time shows that offered captioning back then.) I even REFUSED to let my family members to watch other shows that does not offer closed captioning while I AM THERE WITH THEM. I know how it felt to be excluded from my OWN FAMILY for so long when we all were watching our favorite shows. In 1980's, we all were watching the Little House on the Prairie tv show (which was not closed captioned back then) - and I kept asking my mom, what was Laura saying, and why Charles was upset. Mom always said with her best intentions, "I will explain later." Of course, she forgot to explain later with me. That did not make me feel good at all.

Fast forward, 26 years later - I am fully independent, tax paying individual and post-graduate professional working in an education industry, I still watch TV shows, news, sports, weather and documentaries with closed captions. There is one missing void — as a Jewish person, I rarely see any Jewish faith-based shows that are captioned. Being Jewish is important to me, and I know how it feels not be included in Jewish activities, involvement with services at the temple, because of course, they don't usually offer sign language interpreting consistently. Moreover, faith-based videotapes and/or tv shows about Judaism are not captioned.

I am pleased to see how the progress been made in 2006, and we still are excluded for several things - the DVD special features are always not captioned, some late night shows are not captioned, the public access shows in local Atlanta - especially DeKalb County public meetings that was aired on TV are not captioned, movies in airplane flights are not captioned and lastly, the internet web-based video streaming shows are not captioned.

I was shocked after learning your decision on August 7, 2006's public notice that reversed previous and ongoing progress toward equal access to information. In that case, your agency granted exemptions to two television programs to continue broadcasting without closed-captioning. These two television programs are faith-based.

Why? Why? Is it because of financial burden? Please.... this is not a good reason. Closed captioning costs are not expensive. Tell that to my late Dad who forked over \$350 dollars in 1980 (which is approximately \$1,000 dollars to today's value) - and his annual income back then was approximately \$16,000 dollars a year! COME ON! I didn't ask to be deaf, I was born that way, and bless my family who know about their priorities, and made sure to include me in family, exposing me with the world through closed captioning, and providing

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