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To: Bill Caton, Deputy Secretary
CC: Geraldine Taylor
From: Sandralyn D. Bailey, Supervisor Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Date: 12/6/2006

Re: Comments Received Re: Docket 05-231 Nov '06

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The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau received 393 (some duplicates) in the above proceeding. Attached is the CD-R to which those documents were copied. Also attached are 3 examples of the documents received.

Sincerely,


Sandralyn D. Bailey

SandraLyn Bailey

From: Latoya Evans [latoya@soflacil.org]

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 9:38 AM

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

Subject: In Re 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 issues 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!

Sandralyn Bailey

From: Cindy Wallace [dcwallace@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 11:55 AM
To: Deborah Tate
Subject: Closed Captioning

Dear FCC Chairman Kevin Martin,

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

Sandralyn Bailey

From: sepielli@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 11:57 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov
Cc: info@tdi-online.org
Subject: Tv Captioning

> >
> > Dear Commissioners,
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> > 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 13, 2006. We
> > respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 13, 2006 decisions
> > regarding television captioning waivers.
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> > 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 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.
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> > 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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> > 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. We
> > ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as
> > sponsorships and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover the
> > cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their
> > production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.
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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.
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> > Thank you for your consideration,
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> > Sincerely,
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Waldorf, MD 20601

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