

Docket No. 05-231

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**From:** laura sssss [musicmind75@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Thu 9/21/2006 9:05 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  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 21, 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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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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

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

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**From:** JTomM129@aol.com [JTomM129@aol.com] **Sent:** Tue 9/26/2006 12:45 AM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Martin@fcc.gov; Capps@fcc.gov; Adelstein@fcc.gov; Tate@fcc.gov; McDowell@fcc.gov  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Cheryl King  
**Subject:** Television captioning waivers  
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
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**Pam Gregory**

**From:** PRausch [vermontfyer02@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Thu 9/28/2006 12:39 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Changes in Closed captioning!  
**Attachments:**

Dear Sirs and Ma'am,

I protest the September 13th, changes in the Close Captioning system. I am Deaf, and no amount of funding will change that! Leave captioning alone! In fact it needs to be improved!

Peter J. Rausch  
Vernon, VT 05354

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**From:** MARK D KEMMERER [mdkemme@VERIZON.NET]  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** KEEEP CLOSED CAPTIONED  
**Attachments:**

**Sent:** Sat 9/16/2006 1:59 PM

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HI MONICA PLEASE FCC MUST TO KEEP TO HAVE CLOSED CAPTIONED FOREVER CAUSE HEARING PEOPLE CAN HEAR FROM EVERYWHERE FROM THEIR RADIO AND CAR AND ANY BUILDING FOR 24 HOURS AND 7 DAYS THAN DEAF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HARD TIME TO FIND ANY TV IN ANYWHERE TO GET SOME TV WONT GIVE CLOSED CAPTIONED AT ALLL CAUSE LOOK AT 9/11 HAPPEN DEAF PEOPLE LOST AND DONT KNEW WHAT HAPPEN TIL LATER LATE WE FIND OUT TOOODO LATE NOT RIGHT WE NEED TO READ ANY OF PROGRAMS AND MOVIES AND SPECIAL NEWS AND ETC ETC ETC KEEP IT CLOSED CAPTIONED FOREVERRRRR THANKS MARK

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**Pam Gregory**

**From:** Tracy Quinlan [tgquinlan@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Thu 9/21/2006 10:36 AM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Kethley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org  
**Subject:** September 12, 2006 FCC Ruling on Television Captioning  
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September 21, 2006

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

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I am not deaf or hard of hearing (or hearing-impaired, as you like to say), but I am a student studying to become a sign language interpreter, and as such, this issue affects me as much as my deaf friends and the deaf community.

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. I respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Places of worship 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 a little over a year ago, churches and temples were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs meets a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a wheelchair ramp to the church or temple door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, these places of worship 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, and they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

The deaf community wants to participate fully in all programs and services at local places of worship because it serves as a vital resource that empowers them to be fully integrated in the community. If the deaf or hard of hearing consumers see the services with captions on TV, they can interact with other congregants, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We all stand to benefit from the local connection that national religious programs are unable to provide.

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 deaf and hard of hearing advocates have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Another option is to reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives the deaf community a) access to indispensable news, b) entertainment that is an integral part of every person's life, and c) education that paves the way for becoming self-sufficient and a contributing member of society. The FCC must provide EQUAL ACCESS to everyone in the community. If those of us with "normal" hearing have access to these programs whenever we choose to turn them on, then the deaf and hard of hearing community should be guaranteed the same rights. The only way they can get that access is if it is captioned. By not captioning these, or any television programs, this country is denying the rights of yet another minority group. Is this the legacy we want to pass on to future generations? I hope you agree with me that it is not!

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Tracy Quinlan  
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Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs  
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**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  
**Cc:** Blidfors1@aol.com  
**Subject:** (no subject)  
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September 18, 2006

TO:

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

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Robert H. Lidfors  
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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
- Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.
- US Senator Gordon Smith- US Senator Ron Wyden
- US Representative Peter DeFazio

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**From:** tweety [tweetyunny58@adelphia.net]  
**To:** Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Television Captioning wavier  
**Attachments:**

Sent: Tue 9/19/2006 3:13 PM

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Sincerely,  
Mary Lou Flesh  
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St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
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**From:** Ronald Demey [rondemey@hotmail.com] **Sent:** Wed 9/20/2006 5:34 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdl-online.org  
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The FCC mailing address and fax number is:

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FAX: Attn: Chairman Martin  
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Feel free to copy this sample letter below and add your personal part in the letter. If you know of any locally produced outdoor or religious shows that ARE captioned, please to mention it in your letter.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ronald F. De Mey

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Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Tom  
Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability  
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Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

I am writing to you on behalf of The Staten Island Center for Independent Living in reference to the FCC's recent policy changes regarding closed captioning during television programs, news broadcasts, and emergency announcements.

Many Americans view television programs as a major source of information. This comes as a result of their convenience and accessibility; that is, unless the American referred to is an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing. The FCC's decision to grant caption exemptions will virtually eliminate the ability of these individuals to gain valuable information from news programs and emergency alerts. For example, broadcasters relate crucial details, such as food or drug recalls, that individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing will be unaware of if there are no visual cues available.

Similarly, auditory emergency alerts are not always followed by or simulcast with text. These circumstances, combined with your disbelief in the necessity for such visual data, pose a problem. For instance, if the announcement involves a major storm that requires particular preparatory procedures and/or evacuation plans, an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing will be in a very dangerous, possibly fatal predicament because they cannot hear the bulletins. An even more disturbing and heart wrenching example of the devastating effect that your caption exemptions will have on deaf and hard of hearing individuals comes in the form of the story of a woman's desperate search for information about her husband on September 11<sup>th</sup>. She is totally deaf and her husband worked in the firehouse closest to the World Trade Center.

When the planes struck and the towers crumbled, the closed captioning disappeared. She was frantic and desperately sought another way to locate her husband. When she tried to use her TTY phone, it too was not functioning. There she was—alone, afraid, and stuck in a whirlwind of frightening, graphic, wordless chaos. She had no way of communicating with the world outside; no way of understanding the reports that the broadcasters were giving; no way to call for help or information; no way to find her husband. Fortunately, her husband had been out on another call and had not been in the firehouse when it had been destroyed but, she had no way of knowing this. It took two days for her husband to have the ability to contact her and assure her that he was safe. If only the closed captioning had been working, she could have had two days less of worry, despair, and sadness. What about the individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing who were unable to hear the warning of Hurricane Katrina and died as a result? Do you want your actions to end in millions of stories like these? Would you want a loved one who is deaf or hard of hearing desperately searching for a way to communicate with others and/or to find communication through television broadcasts that is not forthcoming because of your new policies? These are the questions you should be asking yourselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that, upon reading this letter and others like it as well as reviewing your decisions regarding closed captioning, you will have a better understanding of the outrage and disdain with which your actions have been met. I am confident that you will do all that is necessary to reverse these abhorrent policies as soon as possible. Some people say that silence is golden but, for those individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and may not be aware of a disaster before it strikes or while it is occurring, silence is deadly.

Courtney Gross  
SI Center for Independent Living, Inc.

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**From:** Claudia Foy [foyclaudia@yahoo.com] **Sent:** Wed 9/20/2006 1:48 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; ?Kevin.Martin@fcc.gov; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; ?info@tdi-online.org; Sheila Conlon Mentkowski  
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Kevin J. Martin, Chairman?Michael J. Copps,  
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 M. McDowell, Commissioner

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Religious organizations, including churches synagogues and other sites of worship, are a very important part of the 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 religious organization door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, organized religion will find them 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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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
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**Pam Gregory**

**From:** Thomas Chandler  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2006 9:05 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford  
**Subject:** FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Tom Chandler  
Chief, Disability Rights Office  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Joshua Josa [mailto:Josh87J@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2006 1:22 AM  
**To:** Thomas Chandler  
**Subject:** Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 26, 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,

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