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Docket No. 06-181

From: Pat Skidmore [skidjp@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 11:22 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

November 15, 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.

I am an audiologist working with deaf and hard of hearing children. Closed captioning is essential for these children!!! First, it provides a highly motivating medium for reading. Second, it ties the children to the larger hearing community. Third, it allows deaf children to watch TV with their families!

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.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

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From: Dr. Lauren E. Storck [drstorck@caregiving-online.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 10:11 AM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; CHepner@nvrc.org
Subject: Objection to exemptions re closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Distinguished Members of the FCC,

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object firstly to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

ME - Orrington - Godsword Ministries Calvary Chapel of Bangor ME - Stockton Springs - Hot and Cold Productions ME - Waterville - Ursus Enterprises Inc.

I also want to say that many of us in the deaf and late deafened and hard of hearing world are very concerned by recent actions of the FCC. We need more captioning, not less, as our numbers are expanding. Do you personally know what it is like to lose one's ability to comprehend spoken human language? We hear sounds, yet we cannot comprehend speech without text (captioning). Most of us are not impaired in any other way. We think, feel, and act, as your intelligent neighbors, all across the USA.

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.

Respectfully,
Lauren E. Storck, Ph.D.
Writing as a private USA citizen, resident of Maine.
Also Chair of ALDA in Maine, and Chair of ALDA's International Committee

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From: Khong-Ee Phuah [nikphuah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 9:22 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

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**Pam Gregory****Docket No. 06-181** ~~FILED/ACCEPTED~~**From:** Owens, Parker [Parker.Owens@EKU.EDU]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 14, 2006 1:52 PM

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To: Kevin MartinFederal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Cc:** Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai;
crawford@nad.org**Subject:** closed captioning

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

KY - Lexington - Freedom Lexington

KY - Lexington - Good Feet

KY - Lexington - Revival Tabernacle Church

KY - Lexington - Southland Christian Church

KY - Lexington - Todds Road Grace Church

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. Many cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

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From: drlucy@lava.net
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To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; and.crawford@nad.org

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

AK - Anchorage - Alaska On-Line
AK - Anchorage - IMIG Media
AK - Anchorage - The Marketing Group Alaska
AK - Soldotna - Exploring Alaska
HI - Paia - Premier Productions / "Xtreme Life"

I live in Hawaii and my son lives in Alaska. 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.

Lucy Miller
Lihue, Kauai

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From: LittletonL@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 8:29 AM

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To: Kevin Martin

Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai, Federal Communications Commission
crawford@nad.org Office of the Secretary

Subject: Objection to petition for captioning exemption

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

Hawaii - Paia - Premier Productions / "Xtreme Life"

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I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

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From: EDKOCDEAF@aol.com

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 7:47 PM

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

Subject: RE: Closed Captioning

Deaf 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. I am 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!

Ed Kelly
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From: Melanie Hinson [DeafAngel@sc.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 10:22 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hinson
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Darlington, SC 29532-2205

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From: Christine Firkins [cfirkins@gladinc.org]

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Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 12:39 PM

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To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Christine Firkins
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From: Roy Freeman [RFreeman@colled.msstate.edu]

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To: Kevin Martin

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Martin,

I am profoundly deaf and depend on closed captioning all the time.

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

MS - Starkville - Starkville Church of God

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Please be cherished of closed captioning for all the people including me who are benefited from it so much.

Thanks for your consideration.

Roy

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From: Lawrence J. Brick [lbrick@ga-sk.com]
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To: vin.Martin@fcc.gov
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Crawford@nad.org
Subject: Objection to Petitions for Exemptions to Close Caption TV Programs

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

I am filing my objections to petitions for television programming to be shown without closed captions. I am writing to object to the following petitions that were filed with the Federal Communications Commission:

PA - Altoona - God and Country Revival
PA - Boston - The Leadership Group Newsmakers Productions Inc. PA - Donora - B-Mac Corner PA - Duquesne - Street Heaters PA - Erie - Erie First Assembly of God PA - Greencastle - Bullseye Video Productions / PA - Industry - Christian Assembly PA - Pennsauken- Life in Christ Ministries Inc. PA - Philadelphia - Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church PA - Philadelphia - Cherry Hill Triplex PA - Philadelphia - hype413 Inc. PA - Riegelsville - Corinth Films Inc. PA - Somerset - Romesburg Media PA - Whitehall - The Godfathers Entertainment of Pennsylvania LLC PA - Wyncote - Bethel Deliverance International Church

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From: Denise Villareal [neecy44107@yahoo.com]
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Sincerely,

Denise Villareal
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Columbus, OH 43207-6002