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From: Marcia Fariss [Marcia@Gizmology.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 5:43 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: closed captioning for TV, movies

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Chairman Martin,
As an audiologist I was delighted when the FCC mandated closed captioning for TV sets a few years ago and the ADA made captioning for movies available.

Captioning is not used only by the minority population of our country that is deaf. Many hearing impaired (but not deaf) people rely on captioning as well. Because hearing impaired persons do not always hear accurately, even with properly fitted hearing aids and/or use of assistive listening devices, they use closed captioning to follow the auditory input.

Even as a normal hearing person, I can attest to the value of closed captioning, since many actors do not speak clearly and/or do not face the camera. Then of course, there's distortion in the sound transmission from the networks as well as from home TV sets and in the theaters. Granted, the distortion may be minimal, but for persons who need every bit of sound offered in order to communicate and/or enjoy what they are watching, it can be significant. Closed captioning offers everyone, including normal hearing persons, the opportunity to follow the TV and movie dialogues in all listening environments.

Please do not limit the closed captioning features! In fact, expanding them is highly desirable.

Thank you for not constraining closed captioning and hopefully, instead, expanding it.

Marcia Fariss, M. A., F-AAA
Clinical Audiologist

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From: Jean Marie Hunter [jmhun71024@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 3:15 PM
To: KJMWEB
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Jean Marie Hunter (jmhun71024@aol.com) writes:

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!
Thank you, Jean Marie Hunter

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From: Eleanor [redeleanor@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 9:25 AM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; crawford@nad.org
Subject: Programing w/o cc objection!!

Copy and paste the following into an e-mail (or write your own) to Kevin.Martin@fcc.gov, with copies to Michael.Copps@fcc.gov, Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.gov, Deborah.Tate@fcc.gov, Robert.McDowell@fcc.gov, Monica.Desai@fcc.gov, and crawford@nad.org.

Be sure to inform them that you live in those areas where the petitioners are.
Sample Letter 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:
FL - St. Petersburg - The Catholic Mass (CGB-CC-0071) 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.

I would appreciate any help you can do with this matter.
Having been raised Catholic and not able to understand much anymore the captions really help.
Eleanor Shafer

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From: demetrius and lavenia king [lamb_of_fire@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2006 9:22 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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December 7, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Dear Robert McDowell,

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.

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I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

demetrius and lavenia king
201 N 40th Ave Apt 3
Hattiesburg, MS 39401-6609

From: Mehool Patel [mrpatel62@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2006 7:06 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathon.Adelstein@fcc.gov; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai
Subject: caption waiver

Dear Mr. Martin and FCC Commisioners,
I am writing to tell you that I am deeply disappointed in the recent decision to excuse nonprofit organizations from the requirement to caption their TV programs. I am a 45 year old deaf man. I was born deaf and grew up without captioned media. I was denied for many years the benefits that hearing people expect, to learn and to be entertained through television programing. The change to captioning has opened the world to deaf and hard of hearing people. When you limit captioning, you limit accessibility to the world of learning and entertainment for a very large number of people. It is against the spirit of the laws supporting people with disabilities, and it is against the recent trend for increased accessibility through captioning and interpreters that the laws support. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing were not given an opportunity before the ruling to express how this would impact their lives. I hope that you will reconsider this decision.
Sincerely,
Mehool Patel

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From: louiseholguin@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 10:55 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: TV closed captioning exemptions

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps:

I vehemently protest the granting of exemptions from closed captioning issued by the CGB. I am hard of hearing and wear hearing aids, but in order to understand speech on TV I need to have EVERYTHING captioned. I need MORE captioning, NOT LESS!

I urge you to support complete captioning of all programming, but especially complete captioning of ALL news programs. My local news stations caption only the in studio reporting, not the reports from remote, out-of-studio locations. This information is often more crucial than the in-studio reports.

Thank you.

Louise Holguin
35368 Monarch Way
Palm Desert, CA 92211

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From: Stephenie Conner [talk2steph@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 12:42 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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December 5, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Dear Robert McDowell,

I am a speech-language pathologist and am hearing impaired. I was looking for information on how to obtain closed-captioning on my television and to promote it to my hearing impaired and deaf students. I am shocked to learn that closed-captioning is in danger. I am a well-educated person who likes to watch TV. My husband will go nuts if I turn the TV up much louder.

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,

Stephenie Conner
PO Box 12692
New Bern, NC 28561-2692

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From: mary coerper [m.c@mailstation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 8:21 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps;
Jonathan.Adelstein@fcc.govM; Monica Desai
Subject: In re DA 06-1802,CGB-CC-0005,CGB-CC-0007

Dear 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 exempt 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!

Mary Coerper
10665 Esmeraldas Dr
San Diego CA 92124

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From: Chanelle Broxterman [Bcbroxterman@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 12:12 AM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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December 4, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Dear Robert McDowell,

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Sincerely,

Chanelle Broxterman
po box 37
Rossville, KS 66533-0037

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From: Elizabeth Creamer [elizabeth46878@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 9:52 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

December 4, 2006
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
445 12th St SW
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Jonathan S. Adelstein,

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,

Elizabeth Creamer
46878 Willowood Pl
Potomac Falls, VA 20165-7590

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From: Emily Dobbs [emilydobbs@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 6:02 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Sincerely,

Emily Dobbs
8627 Oak Chase Circle
Fairfax Station, VA 22039-3331

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From: David Smith [sighko101@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 10:42 AM
To: Robert McDowell
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,

David Smith
P.O. Box 242
Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845-0242

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From: naybe [naybe@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 11:36 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; jonathon.adelstein@fcc.gov; monica.desal@fcc.gov
Subject: DA06-1802, CGB-CC0005 AND CGB-CC0007

In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC0005 and CGB-CC0007

Dear FCC Chairman Kevin Martin,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the 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! I need our closed captioning!

Your name, address, your title if any

Email to:

Chairman Keven Martin, email: kevin.martin@fcc.gov

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, email: deborah.tate@fcc.gov

Commissioner McDowell. email: robert.mcdowell@fcc.gov

Commissioner Michael Copps. email: michael.copps@fcc.gov

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, email: jonathon.adelstein@fcc.gov

Also emails to the FCC Bureau that issued the Orders, CGB Chief Monica DeSal, email: monica.desal@fcc.gov

I urged you to email all these people to stop giving away our rights to captiioning.

Rene Flores

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From: Zachary Breland [spyderman6913@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 4:12 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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December 2, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Dear Robert McDowell,

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,

Zachary Breland
11 Keystone Drive
Petal, MS 39465-2524

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From: Yvonne Perkins [yvonne.perkins@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 4:12 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Perkins
29431 Allegro Dr
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543-6767

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From: Betty Weiss [bmweiss1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 3:57 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Subject: In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB_CC-0005 and CGB_CC-0007

Hi!

I am a hard of hearing person who relies on captioning to get my needs met and for information and safety issues. I am appalled that that Orders were given granting exemptions to the closed captioning issued by the CGB. These Orders create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not keeping with current regulations. This seems to create a new loophole for anyone who doesn't want to comply with the law to get an exemption. Those of us who are deaf or hearing impaired have worked relentlessly for years to get what we have now and the CGB is taking away what we worked so hard to get. WE NEED OUR CLOSED CAPTIONING! Please reconsider immediately!

Betty Weiss, chapter leader of the Cochella Valley Hearing loss Association of America

33287 Acapulco Trail
Thousand palms, CA, 92276

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From: Michael Moore [mbmoore43074@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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December 2, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

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Dear Robert McDowell,

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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,

Michael Moore
105 Pinehurst Ct
Charles Town, WV 25414-4195

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From: Brenda Rosario [brenda@soflacil.org]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 4:39 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Cc: Maria Rodriguez
Subject: Opposing the granting exemptions from closed captioning

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CBG. 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!

Respectfully,
Brenda Rosario
Advocate II/Instructor for the Deaf
6660 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33138
Brenda@soflacil.org

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From: MCHUDACOFF@aol.com

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 7:01 PM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; jonathon.adelstein@fcc.gov;
monica.desal@fcc.gov

Subject: Granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the CGB

Please do not grant exceptions to closed caption. I need it desperately to be able to stay in contact with the world. I was a Real Estate Broker before I lost my hearing. I am now totally deaf and miss the hearing world, and if there are exemptions what little information I get will be lost.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Marlene Chudacoff

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From: Jcook [jac1585@comcast.net]Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2006 11:15 PM**To:** Kevin Martin**Cc:** Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; crawford@nad.org**Subject:** Save Closed Captioning

I live in Burnsville, MN my 15 year old daughter attends MN North Star Academy which is a Charter School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School aged students. My husband and I are hearing as well as her brother. We are teaching our daughter that her potential as a Deaf person is limitless and that new technology plays a major roll in her advancement. With Closed Captioning she is able to watch the news with us and ask pertinent questions about what is going on in her community as well as how National News effects her life. Without Closed Captioning she would miss everything in the news cast. She can watch popular television shows with captioning and enjoy them like hearing 15 year olds. Without CC a deaf person can only look at the screen and make assumptions about what is being said.

I challenge all the groups listed below to turn the volume off of their TV for a week and that goes for their radio too. Then see how much they miss out on in the world around them.

Sincerely,

Judy Cook

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:

MN - Albert Lea - First Lutheran Church (CGB-CC-0143)

MN - Duluth - Ralph Furtman /

MN - Minneapolis - Branded Entertainment Television(CGB-CC-0547)

MN - Minneapolis - Cornerstone Digital Network(CGB-CC-0534)

MN - Minneapolis - Emmanuel Christian Center (CGB-CC-0386)

MN - Minneapolis - Kent Hrbek Outdoors Inc. (CGB-CC-0186)

MN - Minneapolis - Long Haul Productions Inc. (CGB-CC-0616)

MN - Minneapolis - World Softball League Inc. (CGB-CC-0385)

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From: Rachel Smith [rsmith@cldr-cde.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 12:50 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Closed Captioning

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**Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary**

In Regarding the passage of DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007,

Dear FCC Commissioner,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. Creating potential loopholes is DANGEROUS. I, along many of my colleagues, 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!

My parents are HEARING and yet they still watch television shows with the closed captioning feature on because of its HUGE benefit. My mother has some minimal hearing loss and she RELIES on the captions. Many of my friends are hearing, and their spouses are deaf, some have deaf children, and they all NEED captions. I just don't want this to cause any disastrous domino effect to occur later on.

Thank you for reading me out,

Rachel L. Smith, M.A.
School Psychologist
California School for the Deaf, Riverside

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From: Salma [sshabaik@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 8:58 PM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: FCC & waivers of Closed Captioning Services

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

Dear FCC Chairman,

As a medical student taking ASL language classes to be able to provide better healthcare for those in our nation who have some sort of hearing debilitation, 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!

Salma Shabaik

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From: Maureen Roan [maureenroan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 09, 2006 12:08 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Your name
Maureen Roan

Want to start your own business? Learn how on [Yahoo! Small Business](#).

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From: Natasha Kordus [nkordus@cldr-cde.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2006 11:53 AM
To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: help keep closed captions please!!!!

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

Dear FCC Chairperson,

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 immediately! Captions on televised programming allow much needed access to millions of deaf people all around the United States. In addition, research has shown that continuous captioning on television is a helpful learning tool for anyone learning English – either deaf individuals or English language learners. Please insure that this valuable resource does not become less available to the general public. The deaf community has consistently advocated for this service because it has made information (i.e., news) and entertainment available and accessible. Furthermore, as consumers, the deaf community would be inclined to invest only in products and programming that is accessible.

We need our closed captioning! Please continue to support this important service.

M. Natasha Kordus and Craig Salonen

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From: Rmoriartyprof@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 6:46 PM

To: Kevin Martin

Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

Subject: IN RE: DA 06-1802,CGB-CC-0005 AND CGB-CC-0007

I WISH TO PROTEST THE RECENT ORDERS GRANTING EXENPTIONS FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING ISSUED BY CGB. THESE ORDERS COULD APPEAR TO CREATE A NEW REGULATION, AND CARVING OUT A NEW EXEMPTION BASIS NOT IN KEEPING WITH CURRENT REGULATIONS. WITH THESE ORDERS, THE FCC HAS CREATED A LOOPHOLE THAT ANY ENTITY CRYING "IT COSTS TOO MUCH" CAN NOW USE. PLEASE RECONSIDER. THIS SERVICE IS VITAL TO THE THOUSANDS OF DEAF AND HEARING IMPARED PEOPLE. IT IS ONE THEIR LINKS TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

ROBERT E MORIARTY
RETIRED TEACHER AT
3400 BEN LOMOND PLACE, # 231
LOS ANGELES,CA 90027

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From: JMHun71024@aol.com

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 3:17 PM

To: Michael Copps

Subject: close captioning

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Dear Mr. Copps, 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!
Thank you, Jean Marie Hunter

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From: Wil Parsons [wilpar2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2006 7:56 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Closed Captioning Exemptions

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the SecretaryDear *FCC* Chairman Kevin Martin,

I strongly protest the recent Orders underhandedly granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, harshly discriminating against a large segment of our population, not **in** keeping with current regulations.

Closed captioning provides a *critical* link to news, entertainment, and information for people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. For individuals whose native language is not English, English language captions improve comprehension and fluency. Captions also help improve literacy skills. You can turn on closed captions through your remote control or on-screen menu

I am outraged at this Order and I believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! Many, many people need closed captioning!

Sincerely

Mr. Wilbur M. Parsons
2515 Friesland Ct.
Santa Cruz, California 95062

Wil Parsons
wilpar2@sbcglobal.net

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: MELHONDA@aol.com

Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 10:09 AM

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

Subject: In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC0005 and CGB-CC0007

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In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC0005 and CGB-CC0007

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Dear FCC Chairman Kevin Martin,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the 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! I need our closed captioning!

Melvin Schwartz
Palm Springs, Calif

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: PERSHISA@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 7:06 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai
Subject: Closed captions

In Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-005 and CGB-CC-007

I am writing to protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by C GB. I am a late hearing loss person who worked hard to achieve the chip in T.V.s I am outraged that the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Many people will be disenfranchised if this prevails. Please reconsider immediately.

Respectfully, Isabelle Persh

3400 Ben Lomond Place # 230
Los Angeles, Ca. 90027

Retired Educator

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SandraLyn Bailey

From: Irish1856@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 11:06 AM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; crawford@nad.org
Subject: Closed Captions on Television.

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:

- MN - Albert Lea - First Lutheran Church (CGB-CC-0143)
- MN - Duluth - Ralph Furtman /
- MN - Minneapolis - Branded Entertainment Television(CGB-CC-0547)
- MN - Minneapolis - Cornerstone Digital Network(CGB-CC-0534)
- MN - Minneapolis - Emmanuel Christian Center (CGB-CC-0386)
- MN - Minneapolis - Kent Hrbek Outdoors Inc. (CGB-CC-0186)
- MN - Minneapolis - Long Haul Productions Inc. (CGB-CC-0616)
- MN - Minneapolis - World Softball League Inc. (CGB-CC-0385)

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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.

Mike & Pam Kujawa, Lino Lakes, MN

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: Paule Derselle [cremito@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 3:49 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: captioning rights

Dear Sir,as a deaf person I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning by the CGB. These Orders appeared to create a new regulation basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am really hurt as a deaf person and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any emptithy crying " it costs too much" can now use.I insist,please reconsider your decision as soon as possible, deaf people would, like me be very greatful for it. Sincerely. Paule E. Derselle. M.A. 64625 Pierson Blvd sp A 17 DESERT HOT SPRING Ca 92240 2927.

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From: B Assali [abassali@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 3:12 PM
To: Jonathan Adelstein
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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December 1, 2006
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
445 12th St SW
445 12th St SW
Washington, DC 20554

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**Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Jonathan S. Adelstein,

You know, they are suing the national treasury because the blind can't tell what dollars are which. If that organization of lawyers read about what you are doing, what is to stop them from suing your agency? I think this is a great flaw and is discriminating against the hearing impaired. I witnessed my freind during a fire drill - the sound was horribly loud and hurt my ears - my friend had her back turned away from the fire alarm (that also had a light that flashed as warning) - she could not hear the alarm. Her back was turned away from the light, so she did not see it either. She continued to work on her computer - what if the alarm was a real warning and not a test? What if I was not there to tell her the alarm was sounding? This potential for disaster is very real and if you take closed captioning from warnings and the like you are putting yourselves in the feild of being negligent. Not to mention the potential for unneeded human suffering. Also, beyond the safety reasons, imagine how the quality of life drops without closed captioning. How would you feel if you could no longer have your tv? I have 2 close hearing impaired friends, and have met several others. I also have old realitives where their hearing can't keep up with their hearing aids. Please reconsider the lives you are effecting - and take into consideration your potential for negligence on a mass class action suit. Thank you.

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,

B Assali
1711 Bluegrass Ave SE
East Wenatchee, WA 98802-5580

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: Andrew Knight [aknight91@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 1:42 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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December 1, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

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Office of the Secretary

Dear Robert McDowell,

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,

Andrew Knight
136 Benbridge Ave
Warwick, RI 02888-3537

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: Angela Sluder [valleester@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 12:52 PM
To: dtayloratateweb
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

December 1, 2006
FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Dear Deborah Taylor Tate,

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,

Angela Sluder
2620 W 7th Ave
Kennewick, WA 99336-4852

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SandraLyn Bailey

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From: Beth Bauer [bethkb@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 12:32 AM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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November 30, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

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I know many people who cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Beth Bauer
P.O. Box 1144
Creswell, OR 97426-1144

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: Derek Hodgson [DMHodgson9@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 12:32 AM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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November 30, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
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Sincerely,

Derek Hodgson
26 Lema Ln
Palm Coast, FL 32137-9765

SandraLyn Bailey

05-231

From: Donna Szupica [donna.szupica@generalmitchell.af.mil]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 12:02 PM
To: Robert McDowell
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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November 30, 2006
FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell

Federal Communications Commission
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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,

Donna Szupica
3745 E. Elm Rd
Oak Creek, WI 53154-6619

Sandralyn Bailey

05-231

From: drlucy@lava.net
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 8:13 PM
To: Kevin Martin
Cc: Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; and.crawford@nad.org

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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Sandralyn Bailey

From: Karen Peltz Strauss [kpsconsulting@starpower.net]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 4:56 PM
To: Aaron Goldberger
Cc: Deborah Tate
Subject: captioning service

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Hi Aaron,

Commissioner Tate called me yesterday to ask if I had the name of a captioning company with reduced rates. The Commissioner was interested in securing services for the upcoming media ownership event in Nashville. The company that offers reduced rates for religious broadcasters is Aberdeen Captioning. I learned today that they do all kinds of captioning, not just for faith-based groups, so this may be worth a shot. Let me know if they work out. If not, I will search further. Below is their contact information. Thank you for your interest in making this event accessible.

Matthew Cook
Managing Partner
Aberdeen Captioning
22362 Gilberto, Suite 230
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
Toll Free: (800) 688-6621
Local: (949) 858-4463
Fax: (949) 858-4405
www.abercap.com

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Karen Strauss

Sandralyn Bailey

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From: setsatthebeach [setsatthebeach@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2006 12:54 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner Copps,

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

All I can think is you have no idea what it is to have a hearing loss or to be deaf. If you did, more than likely you would be against the recent order granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

Please do some heartfelt thinking on this matter. We need closed captioning--please!

Sincerely,

Sue E. T. Sanders
626 Virginia Park Drive
Laguna Beach, CA 92651