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December 29th 2006.

Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission,
Attn: CGB Room 3-B431

RE: Waiver Request for exemption from commissions close captioning rules.

Attn: Commission Secretary

Worldwin Media, NFP is a 501C(3) Non-for profit - organization.

We are a relatively a new organization, producing informative, entertaining, family orientated programs, for the general public. For the most part our program is visual. Our programming airs on various cable systems and channels mainly in the Chicagoland areas. The various TV stations that we air on do not allow us to solicit funding of any sorts, nor do they provide us with resources for Close Captioning.

At this time the Close Captioning requirement would put an undue burden on us financially for these reasons.

We are presently running in the red. In 2006 we have grossed \$9,100.00. Our resources are minimal due to our programming format, and presently the overhead costs are not even met. Currently we cannot even pay a salary to our minimal volunteer staff. With the limited funds we have at this time, it would not even cover the cost to contract someone to Close Caption these programs. Also we do not have the funds to purchase Close Captioning equipment. To Close Caption our 30 min. programs, with approximately twenty-six programs per year, would cost us an additional \$9,000.00 per year. Due to this overwhelming expense, complying with this rule would force us to terminate, and no longer be able to function as an organization.

Please accept this petition for exemption for undue burden, section (47 C.F.R. 79.1) of the commission's rules requiring Close Captioning.

Sincerely...

Tom Trisollere

*Notarized this 29th Day of
December, 2006*

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