

Deaf individuals should have the same access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else. Closed captions make television programs accessible to persons who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Closed captioning is an essential part of any television program.

The law requiring closed captioning was passed in 1996. The FCC established closed captioning rules in 1998. The rules required closed captioning to be increased gradually over 8 years. Since January 2006, 100% of all new television programs must be captioned, with some exceptions. This program should not be an exception.

Today, closed captions are not too difficult or too expensive. No program should be on television without closed captions!

The FCC must support deaf and hard of hearing consumers and must enforce the closed captioning rules!

Sincerely,

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