

bro\_greg@comcast.net wrote on 9/22/2006 3:10:55 PM

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September 22, 2006  
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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

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,

Gregory Brown  
532 College Avenue, #1  
Dekalb, IL 60115-3119

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**From:** Thomas Chandler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2006 9:07 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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Federal Communications Commission  
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445 12th Street, S.W.  
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thomas.chandler@fcc.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Christina Burns [mailto:puppies529@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 10:02 PM  
To: Thomas Chandler  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 2, 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,

Christina Burns  
15321 E 9th Ave  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-9705

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**Francine Crawford**

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**From:** Thomas Chandler  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 9:10 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford  
**Subject:** FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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thomas.chandler@fcc.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: kathy kellogg [mailto:archygirl2000@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 10:32 AM  
To: Thomas Chandler  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 30, 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,

kathy kellogg  
34350 dequindre road apt. 204  
sterling heights, MI 48310-5205

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2006 11:10 AM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000143012 transferred from gloria.verduzco to pam.gregory

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This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name gloria.verduzco at 11:09:21 AM on 8/25/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: JIM SEWELL  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: asluzer@ec.rr.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

asluzer@ec.rr.com wrote on 8/24/2006 9:45:16 AM :

I am an interpreter for the Deaf and the child of deaf adults. I have seen first hand the importance of captioning on television. It completes the entertainment portion of shows...however, in the case of emergency broadcasting it provides a CRITICAL link to emergencies that are developing, and provides CRITICAL information to those who cannot hear. Crawlers are better than nothing, but captioning gives the full story. Showing a map or a picture with minimal information is just that...minimal. Why should the Deaf and Hard of Hearing be denied an opportunity to be fully informed during emergencies? With all the advances that have been made in making services equally accessible, not requiring TV stations to provide full captioning during emergencies is a step backwards.

Please consider strengthening all requirements regarding captioning. Captioning during ball games, movies, and all are morally right...not captioning during an emergency borders is negligent.

Thank you.

Jim Sewell  
800 Country Club Road #44  
Morehead City, NC 28557

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scrapbookingmom2006@gmail.com wrote on 8/24/2006 5:39:30 PM :

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No to cut Close Caption is not acceptable due to the fact how we are going know if tornado is heading our way as we are deaf that is why it is vital we have close caption during emergency broadcasting of any kind so that we know what is going on to protect ourselves and our family and not be a causality due to lack of Close caption during emergency.

Tonia

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 4:08 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000139906 transferred from cynthia.barringtine to Federal Communications Commission  
pam.gregory

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This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name cynthia.barringtine at 4:08:22 PM on 9/7/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: aromoff@aol.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

ARomoff@aol.com wrote on 8/21/2006 4:14:22 PM :

It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering not requiring television stations to caption emergency information in their broadcasts. I am aghast at this possibility, since as someone with a significant hearing loss, I am totally reliant on captioning of television broadcasting. To be without captions, particularly in emergency situations, would be extremely dangerous, isolating, and totally unacceptable. In addition, others in my household rely on me, and their health and safety would be in jeopardy as well.

As a long-time user of captioned television, I know firsthand the enormous value of captioning in allowing me to stay abreast of important information. I urge the FCC to make sure that it mandates television stations to caption their emergency broadcasting.

Arlene Romoff  
Co-Coordinator, Hearing Loss Assn - Bergen County Chapter (formerly SHHH) Trustee,  
Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (formerly SHHH-NJ) Author, "HEAR AGAIN -  
Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant"

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From: Pam Gregory  
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 10:29 AM  
To: Francine Crawford  
Subject: FW: CIMS CIMS00000135545 transferred from anna.baughman to pam.gregory

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Pam Gregory, Special Advisor  
Disability Rights Office, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Federal  
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E-mail: Pam.Gregory@fcc.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2006 1:47 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000135545 transferred from anna.baughman to pam.gregory

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This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name anna.baughman at 1:46:23 PM on 8/18/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: dene126@aol.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

Dene126@aol.com wrote on 8/16/2006 4:56:41 PM :

TDI-L eNote 8/16/06  
ACTION ALERT - Let the FCC Know You Oppose New Policy weakening Television  
Emergency Captioning Requirements. (AND PLEASE READ MY OWN COMMENTS AT THE  
BOTTOM OF THIS EMAIL THANK YOU.)

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) periodically sends out notices to broadcasters reminding them of their obligation to make their televised emergency bulletins accessible to viewers with hearing and vision disabilities by making such information equally accessible by both audio or by video (text or graphics).

On July 20, 2006, a routine reminder notice\* was sent out - followed by an unusual clarification on August 7, 2006\*. This clarification was an attempt to answer some questions that broadcasters had asked the FCC earlier in response to fines that were assessed against eight television stations in 2005 for failing to make their emergency bulletins accessible.

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As a result of this clarification, newscasters in the top 25 television markets\* (reaching more than 40% of the US population) can easily avoid their obligations to caption their emergency bulletins. While it is true that television stations are permitted to use visual aids other than captioning to make their emergency bulletins accessible (e.g. maps, crawling text, graphics, or pictures on paper in front of a camera), none of these methods are equal to captioning in the amount of information that they provide. Broadcasters in the top 25 markets are already required to caption their regular newscasts and have established relationships with captioning providers that they can summon during an emergency. The problem is that the clarification says that the FCC will not investigate if a TV station claims that they could not use captioning during a local emergency.

TDI NEEDS YOUR HELP! TDI and other organizations for deaf and hard of hearing consumers feel that this action by the FCC will put our lives in danger. Next time there is an emergency, you may only see maps on the TV, but you will not know the important details of the emergency such as the safest routes to travel, what you must do to "shelter in place" (or stay inside wherever you are), where to go to a shelter, when it is safe to come out again and resume normal activities? News broadcasters must serve everyone in their communities, and that includes making their emergency bulletins fully accessible so that all people can take whatever action is necessary to save their lives, secure their property and help loved ones.

PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE FCC and tell them to remove the clarification regarding emergency announcements issued on 8/7/06. Forward and share this email alert with your friends. Please send an email to the FCC at [fccinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:fccinfo@fcc.gov), and send a copy of your email to TDI at [info@tdi-online.org](mailto:info@tdi-online.org).

Write in your own words as a deaf or hard of hearing television viewer. Here are some suggestions to use to tell why you need to see captions for all emergency announcements. Your reasons might include:

- That you will be able to understand safety instructions better.
- That they will help you develop and carry out your emergency plans together with confidence and include all family members, especially your children.
- That you have always watched television with captions and want to continue to do so in an emergency.

The above are only suggestions. You probably have your own reasons for wanting to use captioning during an emergency. Please write your own email today saying why you want and need the FCC to rescind (remove) its 8/7/06 clarification to television broadcasters.

Feel free to use this sample letter below or use your own words.

\* \* \* \* \*

August 16, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the petition filed by TDI and other national organizations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on August 14, 2006 requesting that you rescind your clarification of 8/7/06 regarding captioning of emergency announcements on TV.

Given that the local broadcasters in the top 25 television markets

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currently have real-time closed captioning capabilities, and provide captions routinely for their local news shows, I fully expect them to provide closed captioning for all breaking news, including emergency announcements that are broadcast to their viewers.

For example, if I live in Texas, and there is a tornado, I would want my local TV station to tell me using closed captions when the tornado is about to strike, its current direction and speed, immediate action to take, and when it is safe to go outside again.

Closed captioning gives me many more details, nearly equal to what is audible. While visual information is welcome via other methods, such as crawls, signs, and graphics, the information that they convey is limited, and this can endanger my life, health, and safety, and property during an emergency. My survival needs are equally important to those of others in the community.

I support TDI's request that the FCC withdraw its August 7, 2006 clarification notice, and continue to maintain its effective enforcement of its current 79.2 regulations on emergency information broadcasts. Human lives are precious, and access to safety information is a vital American right!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sincerely,

(your name)  
(home address)  
(home city, state & zip code)  
(email address.)

cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office

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\*For more information:

- Routine reminder notice to broadcasters on their obligations regarding emergency news bulletins sent out on July 20, 2006 - [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1483A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1483A1.pdf)
- Clarification to broadcasters on August 7, 2006 - [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1600A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1600A1.pdf)
- Nielsen List of Designated Market Areas - <http://www.nielsenmedia.com/DMA.html>

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About TDI: Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. is a nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes equal access to telecommunications, media and information technology for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. Since 1968, TDI has successfully advocated for a variety of federal legislation to improve the lives of people with hearing loss, including the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Television Decoder Circuitry Act, both of 1990, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In addition, TDI advocates for administrative rules and policies that will provide greater access to wireless technology, as well as complete and high-quality captioning of television programs. Since its inception, TDI has promoted equal access to 9-1-1 centers and other public safety answering points, and is now working to ensure full access for deaf and hard of hearing people

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to information during natural or manmade disasters and other types of emergencies. TDI annually publishes a national directory and resource guide, commonly known as The Blue Book, which is a popular resource book for people who are deaf and hard of hearing, as well as The GA-SK Quarterly News Magazine. For more information about TDI, visit [www.tdi-online.org](http://www.tdi-online.org).

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We hope you find these eNotes useful. If you do not wish to receive any further TDI-L eNotes from TDI, send e-mail to [enotes@tdi-online.org](mailto:enotes@tdi-online.org) with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line and your first and last names in the body. Please allow up to 30 days for your request to be processed.

In order to prevent your anti-spam software from blocking e-mail news and promos from TDI, please include the following e-mail addresses into your e-mail address book.

[info@tdi-online.org](mailto:info@tdi-online.org)  
[enotes@tdi-online.org](mailto:enotes@tdi-online.org)  
[epromo@tdi-online.org](mailto:epromo@tdi-online.org)

Thank you,  
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Sincerely,

Jim House  
Public Relations & Resource Development Officer Telecommunications for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Inc. 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 604 Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803  
TTY: 301-589-3006  
VP: IM me first at AOL=jimhousetdi  
FAX: 301-589-3797  
Voice: 301-589-3786  
Relay: 7-1-1  
[jimhouse@tdi-online.org](mailto:jimhouse@tdi-online.org)  
TDI = [www.tdi-online.org](http://www.tdi-online.org)  
CEPIN = [www.cepintdi.org](http://www.cepintdi.org)  
Promoting Equal Access to Telecommunications, Media & Information Technology for People who are Deaf, Late-Deafened, Hard-of-Hearing or Deaf-Blind

I am a lifelong deaf person. I was born with a profound nerve deafness. I live alone. I am dependent upon all help for the deaf including closed captioned TV programs (and theatre, movies).

There is NO WAY I will agree to, or be happy with ANY attempts to remove or delete, or cut back on, or weaken any captioning at all. I do NOT agree to doing this!

Think of how you would feel if you no longer were able to hear anything. Or, any member of your family, who are dependent upon getting help. I am alone, and have NO WAY of understanding UNCAPTIONED EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS, OR EMERGENCY NEWSCASTS OF ANY KIND. I have had to try to figure out

whatever they were saying in those developing stories type of newscasts which were not captioned, and usually have to give up, as useless. I am a very good lipreader, but NOT THAT GOOD!

If there were a bad storm, or a very bad emergency in my area, metropolitan New York City, and the TV announcers were not captioned, I would be left out! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS.

**WE NEED CLOSED CAPTIONING IN ORDER TO LIVE!**

In fact: WE NEED FOR YOU TO IMPROVE NOT RUIN THE CAPTIONING FOR US! WE NEED 24/7 CAPTIONING, NOT "JUST A LITTLE HERE, A LITTLE BIT THERE," AND "OH! ITS OK TO CUT OFF THE LAST HOUR, NOBODY IS PROBABLY LISTENING OR

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WATCHING".....How stupid can they/you get?

Very anxiety provoking.

Very Sincerely,

dene126@aol.com

Joanna Roos  
45 Christopher Street #12F  
New York, NY 10014

Pam do you get this one?

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2006 1:19 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000138787 transferred from gloria.verduzco to pam.gregory

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This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name gloria.verduzco at 1:17:51 PM on 8/23/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: candaceeruzek@yahoo.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

candaceeruzek@yahoo.com wrote on 8/20/2006 5:48:44 PM :

August 20, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the petition filed by TDI and other national organizations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on August 14, 2006 requesting that you rescind your clarification of 8/7/06 regarding captioning of emergency announcements on TV.

Given that the local broadcasters in the top 25 television markets currently have real-time closed captioning capabilities, and provide captions routinely for their local news shows, I fully expect them to provide closed captioning for all breaking news, including emergency announcements that are broadcast to their viewers.

For example, if I live in Texas, and there is a tornado, I would want my local TV station to tell me using closed captions when the tornado is about to strike, its current direction and speed, immediate action to take, and when it is safe to go outside again. Closed captioning gives me many more details, nearly equal to what is audible. While

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those of others in the community.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Candace Ruzek  
25164 Churchill Ln  
Glen Ellyn, IL, 60137  
candaceeruzek@yahoo.com

cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office

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Stay in the know. Pulse on the new Yahoo.com. Check it out.

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MessageFrom: Jay Keithley  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 2:09 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: FW: Television closed captioning waivers

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From: KA0tis@aol.com [mailto:KA0tis@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2006 12:56 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@tdi-online.org  
Subject: Television closed captioning waivers

October 4, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that we 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. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Churches 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 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 church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches 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 - they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all 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 two programmers, specifically Anglers for Christ Ministries and New Beginnings Ministries, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as

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sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives us

- a) access to news that is indispensable to the community,
- b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and
- c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society.

The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to us and we can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. William D. (Kathleen A.) Otis  
PO Box 123  
1400 Winchester Southern Rd.  
(Canal Winchester, OH 43110-0123  
KAOtis@aol.com

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

Separate emails sent via webform to:

Senator Mike Dewine (Ohio)  
Senator George Voinovich (Ohio)  
Representative David Hobson (R-OH 7th)

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 7:02 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000135779 transferred from carolyn.fouch to pam.gregory

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This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name carolyn.fouch at 7:01:06 PM on 8/24/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: mole235@lni.wa.gov

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

MOLE235@LNI.WA.GOV wrote on 8/16/2006 9:10:59 PM :

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of deaf Americans throughout the United States, I respectfully ask that the FCC rescind its August 7, 2006 clarification to the top 25 U.S. television market stations regarding the July 20, 2006 reminder notice on emergency broadcast bulletins. Please consider my request for the following reasons:

- \* Captioning currently is the fastest, most effective technology to reach deaf persons via television in a local emergency.
- \* Televised maps, crawling text, graphics or pictures on paper alone do not communicate the amount of vital information necessary to effectively notify deaf people in case of immediate local catastrophe.
- \* In an emergency, seconds can mean the difference between life and death.
- \* By removing the possibility of FCC investigation of TV stations that do not caption emergency bulletins, the FCC--in essence--is giving TV stations the option of not captioning at all: a tremendous reduction in both the immediacy and amount of emergency information available to deaf people.
- \* Imagine being in the middle of a catastrophe and not knowing: the safest routes to travel; how to provide and/or seek adequate shelter; or when it is safe to resume normal activities, and what activities are permitted. This would be the situation for many deaf people when captioning of emergency TV broadcasts stops.
- \* By permitting stations not to caption their emergency telecasts, the 8/7/06 clarification puts the lives of deaf people in danger: they would be at increased risk of injury or death due to delay or misdirection of their own preventive actions because of incomplete or misunderstood vital information.
- \* Top 25 market broadcasters already have established relationships with captioning providers that they can summon in an emergency. The resources are in place to continue this service when it is needed most.

Broadcasting is a community service for the entire community. Broadcasters serve

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their communities best when they serve them during an emergency. Please allow the  
entire community, including the deaf, to take all necessary action as quickly as  
possible to save their lives, secure their property, and help their loved ones.

This is an opportunity for the FCC to save lives, well worth taking. Thank you for  
your consideration.

Joseph Molenda  
Former broadcaster

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From: Jay Keithley  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 7:00 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: FW: Attn:Commissioners

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From: John Maloof [mailto:john@maloofstudio.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 6:10 PM  
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  
Subject: Attn:Commissioners

> Dear Commissioners:

>  
> 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 FCC on September 12, 2006.

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

>  
> Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to  
> information, just like building a ramp to the church door.

>  
> We know that all 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 we have worked on for years.

>  
> Closed captioning gives everyone access to news that is indispensable  
> to the community, entertainment, and education.

>  
> Thank you for your consideration.

>  
> Sincerely,  
> John Maloof  
> John@maloofstudio.com

> 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  
> TDI  
> Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger

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Mellor\_JK\_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 9:00 AM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Mellor [mailto:mellor2@tcnj.edu]  
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 6:42 PM  
To: Jay Keithley  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 9, 2006  
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

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,

Rebecca Mellor  
297 Farnham Ave  
Lodi, NJ 07644-1111

Mellor\_TC\_Don't roll back

From: Thomas Chandler  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 9:04 AM  
To: Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford  
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Mellor [mailto:mellor2@tcnj.edu]  
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 6:42 PM  
To: Thomas Chandler  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Thomas Chandler

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2006 3:34 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000136903 transferred from cynthia.barringtine to pam.gregory

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Consumer Name: CHRISTOPHER KEMP  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: fordkemp79@aol.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Emergency Video

FORDKEMP79@aol.com wrote on 8/17/2006 2:49:25 PM :

August 17, 2006

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

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the petition filed by TDI and other national organizations with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on August 14, 2006 requesting that you rescind your clarification of 8/7/06 regarding captioning of emergency announcements on TV.

Given that the local broadcasters in the top 25 television markets currently have real-time closed captioning capabilities, and provide captions routinely for their local news shows, I fully expect them to provide closed captioning for all breaking news, including emergency announcements that are broadcast to their viewers.

For example, if I live in Texas, and there is a tornado, I would want my local TV station to tell me using closed captions when the tornado is about to strike, its current direction and speed, immediate action to take, and when it is safe to go outside again.

Closed captioning gives me many more details, nearly equal to what is audible. While visual information is welcome via other methods, such as crawls, signs, and graphics, the information that they convey is limited, and this can endanger my life, health, and safety, and property during an emergency. My survival needs are equally important to those of others in the community.

I support TDI's request that the FCC withdraw its August 7, 2006 clarification notice, and continue to maintain its effective enforcement of its current 79.2 regulations on emergency information broadcasts. Human lives are precious, and access to safety information is a vital American right!

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Kemp, Sr.  
902 N. Delaware Ave.  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201  
relayonly@aol.com

cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Tom Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 6:45 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000140663 transferred from carolyn.fouch to pam.gregory

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: phuck@lawsonproducts.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Closed Captioning

phuck@lawsonproducts.com wrote on 8/22/2006 10:40:47 AM :

To whom It May Concern:

I am a hearing impaired television viewer. I relay on captions for entertainment programs as well as news. It is necessary for me to have emergency announcements with captions. This gives me the information needed in case of a severe weather situation, etc. You only get so much from visual information. I would not know if I needed to evacuate or go to a shelter if I did not have captions. I fine that in programs that there is a lot of background noise the captions really help to understand the dialog.

I fully support TDI's request that the FCC withdraw its August 7, 2006 clarification notice and continue its current 79.2 regulations on emergency informations broadcasts.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pam Huck  
225 S. Rohlwing Rd., Unit 515  
Palatine, IL 60074

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Greenwald\_JK\_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley  
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 8:57 AM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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From: Anne Greenwald [mailto:Annedanser33@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2006 8:52 AM  
To: Jay Keithley  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 7, 2006  
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

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,

Anne Greenwald  
3081 NE Nathan Dr  
Bend, OR 97701-5881

**Francine Crawford**

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**From:** Thomas Chandler  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2006 9:04 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford  
**Subject:** FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 6:42 PM  
To: Thomas Chandler  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 9, 2006  
Thomas Chandler

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From: Thomas Chandler  
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 9:07 AM  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Christina Burns [mailto:puppies529@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2006 10:02 PM  
To: Thomas Chandler  
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

October 2, 2006  
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

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Sincerely,

Christina Burns  
15321 E 9th Ave  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-9705

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Prusak\_Cmrs\_Don't roll back

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From: FCCINFO  
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 4:22 PM  
To: Pam Gregory  
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000139587 transferred from sandi.johnson to pam.gregory

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Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
Submission Method: Email  
Phone Number: ( 000 ) 000 - 0000  
Email: bprusakil@mac.com

Level 1 Scripts: Disabilities  
Level 2 Scripts: Broadcast Cable Satellite  
Level 3 Scripts: Emergency Video

bprusakil@mac.com wrote on 8/21/2006 1:55:52 PM :

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,  
Bernard Paul Prusak  
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Woodridge, Illinois 60517  
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cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Jay Keithley, Deputy  
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