Francine Crawford Docket No. 05-231

From: FCCINFO
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2006 2:36 PM
To: *Francine Crawford*
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000169271 transferred from vicky.may to francine.crawford

Please DO NOT Reply to this email.

This is an automated message. You have had a CIMS problem transferred to you. It was transferred by the user with the login name vicky.may at 2:35:34 PM on 11/7/2006 with the description:

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Consumer Name: DON DELGADE
Submission Method: Email
Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Email: ddelgade@progresscil.org

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

ddelgade@progresscil.org wrote on 9/22/2006 10:00:51 AM :

September 22, 2006
Federal Communications Commission

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,

Don Delgade
10221 Chestnut
Franklin Park, IL 60131-2492

Pam Gregory Docket No 05-231

From: Dawn Ann Duboski [dawnannd@dhcc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 2:55 PM
To: *FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell*
Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; Dawn Ann Duboski
Subject: Sept 13 decision regarding television captioning waivers

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06-R216377

October 31, 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 action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 13, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 13, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

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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 to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Dawn Ann Duboski
132 Country Farms Rd
Marlton, NJ 08053-1402
Dawnannd@dhcc.org

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

Pam Gregory Docket No 05-231

From: Xenia Fretter Woods [xenia@humboldtasl.com]

Sent: *Monday, October 30, 2006 7:16 PM*

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

Subject: Please keep captioning strong!

Hello -

In our rural community, the news stations do not currently provide captioning of their evening news. Deaf people therefore do not have access to the local broadcast news! Deaf people obviously can't hear the radio, and the newspaper does not have up-to-the-minute, breaking news, video, and many other important features of broadcasts. If you change the rules regarding "undue burden," we will not be able to get our local news stations to caption their news broadcasts.

Imagine if you could not turn on the sound on your TV. How would you feel if your local news were completely inaccessible to you?

Please consider how this affects people who are already left out of many public communications.

Thank you,

Xenia F. Woods
Eureka, CA

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rbenn@cazenovia.edu wrote on 8/28/2006 9:11:15 AM :

August 28, 2006
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

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Sincerely,

Roger Benn
55 Farnham St
Cazenovia, NY 13035-1113

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From: Betty Levis [betty@dhcc.org]

Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 3:06 PM

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

Cc: Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King

Subject: Sept 13 decision regarding television captioning waivers

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October 31, 2006

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Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Levis
117 S. Eagle Road Apt 119
Havertown, Pa 19083-3330

betty@dhcc.org

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From: Tubbs3@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2006 4:09 PM

To: Monica Desai

Subject: Captioning

DEar CBG Chief DeSai:

Captioning is very important to me since I am deaf. Most programs are captioned now and this feature greatly affects me since I rely on lip reading and get very little without the captions since it is common to talk fast and not face the front. News programs are very frustrating to me since current events are often not captioned. As far as I am concerned, they could do without being "on the scene" if they can't caption their broadcast. Please do what you can to assure people like me that we do count. Captioning is essential! Thank you.

Sincerely,
Peter C. Tubbs
352 Shady Drive
Oneida, WI 54155

06-R216279

Pam Gregory Docket No. 05-231

From: sepielli@aol.com

Sent: *Thursday, November 02, 2006 11:57 AM*

To: Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov

Cc: info@tdi-online.org

Subject: Tv Captioning

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> >
> > Thank you for your consideration,
> >
> > Sincerely,

Peter J. Sepielli
4735 Private Place
Waldorf, MD 20601

Check out the new AOL. Most comprehensive set of free safety and security tools, free access to millions of high-quality videos from across the web, free AOL Mail and more.

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Pam Gregory Docket No. 05-231

From: rhunt@mfire.com
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 5:56 PM
To: *Monica Desai*
Subject: Close captioning obligations

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I am a Senior Citizen who has been deaf since 4 years of age. I really relie on close captioning for not only local news and regualr programming but also in any emergency situation. I live alone and do not have someone to depend on for this information. Even if I did have someone it should be their burden to inform me as they may not always be around in an emergency situation and it is a big burden to relay that much information all the time.

Without close captioning, my access to technology and information is severly limited. There should not be any deregulation of the present close captioning laws governing public broadcasters requirement to provide close captioning in all of its programming especially in an emergency situation.

The only person I could see making such a lax ruling would be someone who is not deaf! AS a deaf person this makes no sense to me.

I would appreciate an email response to let me know that you received my email of concerns and also to keep me abreast of present laws considerations affecting close captioning.

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Pam Gregory Docket No. 05-231

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 5:37 PM
To: *Pam Gregory*
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sarah Hafer [mailto:charityh@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 5:32 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

November 8, 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,

Sarah Hafer
223 Marilyn St NE
Albany, OR 97322-4454

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Pam Gregory Docket No. 05-231

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 8:08 AM
To: *Pam Gregory*
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Christopher Eaton [mailto:christophere2000@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 4:02 AM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

November 3, 2006
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

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Sincerely,

Christopher Eaton
710 Gray Mount Cir
Elkton, MD 21921-6274

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Federal Communications Commission
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jshort@harkle.com wrote on 10/27/2006 5:00:25 PM :

October 27, 2006

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Sincerely,

James Short
725 Fern Glen
La Jolla, CA 92037-5461

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