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Frank2Dunaway@aol.com wrote on 9/22/2006 10:53:52 AM :

I am shocked, disappointed and angry at the FCC' decision to exempt TV stations from captioning. If any member of FCC could live in my prison of silence for one day, I am quite sure the action would be reversed immediately. I lost my hearing entirely while serving in the US Navy during WWII and have been a walking dead person-- DEAF, DEAD-- ever since, because a world without sound is a world without meaning. Captioning was a godsend to me because it cracked the door slightly to the real world as you know it, but, now, you want to slam that door tightly shut, again.

Please, I beg of you, to leave the door open to the real world for us who live in a silence which separates people from people. We are deaf, but we are still human. I am not speaking of hearing impaired, but the stone deaf, the silence of the grave.

Thank you!

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ames\_jessica@hotmail.com wrote on 8/28/2006 9:39:27 PM :

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

Dear Commissioners,

I am a hearing American Sign Language interpreter. I happened to be interpreting for a deaf student in Manhattan on Sept. 11th, when the planes hit the World Trade Center. All the students in the school gathered around the TV in the lobby to learn what was happening in our nation, and in our city. I learned all this while interpreting it for the deaf student. We learned where we could go to give blood, what supplies were needed, which we should avoid, what transportation options were available, if any, and other essential information. How much better off we would all have been if there had been live captioning during this emergency. How lucky for the deaf student that he happened to be with an interpreter, was able to learn the details of this disaster, and was able to text message his mother to ask if she was OK, and to tell her that he was OK. All people need access to information, especially in times of emergency.

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It is for these reasons and more 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!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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ljanger@aol.com wrote on 8/17/2006 5:58:58 PM :

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.

I am the parent of a young man who is profoundly deaf. I want him to be able to handle emergency situations as well as any person who is not deaf. He does not live at home and certainly has a right to be able to access necessary information in a timely manner.

In addition, closed captioning gives 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 life, health, and safety, and property during an emergency. His 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,

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dcraig@lifecil.org wrote on 8/22/2006 10:05:05 AM :

I am a Deaf person and when I found out about this "clarification" that weakened the requirement for TV captioning of emergency announcements, I was flabbergasted! I have no other way of knowing what is going on without captioning and the thought of not knowing what is going on and being a mother to 3 children, how could I protect my children! How would I know to take shelter, or to go someplace safe to protect ourselves?

I oppose the August 7th clarification. You must realize that there are 26 million Americans who are Deaf or hard of hearing and this would effect them tremendously! NOT only is this our right to have equal access to emergency information by captioning of televised emergency announcements.....but its INHUMANE!

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cathys@coril.org wrote on 8/18/2006 6:50:26 PM :

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, I live in Bend, OR and currently there are and were forest fires in the Sisters area approximately 20 miles northwest of Bend. Sometimes when there are fires in that area the main highway (20/Santiam Pass) is closed. I was preparing to drive on that highway to go to Eugene the last weekend in July. Because information was not closed captioned I did not know for certain that the highway was open or closed.

Closed captioning this information would have given 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,

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RaeBooksMD@aol.com wrote on 8/18/2006 8:02:37 AM :

As a deaf taxpayer, I am urging you not to weaken the current regulations for captioning broadcast emergency information. Showing emergency conditions without instructions for finding safety only confuses deaf and hard of hearing citizens. The information we receive will help everyone, especially those of us responsible for young children or senior citizens who are disabled.

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gutzjo@yahoo.com wrote on 8/18/2006 12:51:23 PM :

August 18, 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,

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john.m.warren@ssa.gov wrote on 9/5/2006 1:11:09 PM :

September 5, 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,

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