

Docket No. 05-231

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 6:28 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Carol Nemecek-Kowalski [mailto:cnemecek@progresscil.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 6:12 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 21, 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,

Carol Nemecek-Kowalski
7521 Madison St.
Forest Park, IL 60130-1407

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

From: KAotis@aol.com [mailto:KAotis@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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Ordaz_TC_Don't roll back
From: Marta Ordaz [MartaOrdaz@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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August 17, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

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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,

Marta Ordaz
456 Adelle St
Livermore, CA 94551-6362

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 3:25 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Marta Ordaz [mailto:MartaOrdaz@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 11:22 AM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Sincerely,

Marta Ordaz
456 Adelle St
Livermore, CA 94551-6362

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 8:44 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Larry Puthoff [mailto:lputhoff@c-s-d.org]
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 2:32 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 15, 2006
Jay Keithley

Dear Jay Keithley,

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Sincerely,

Larry Puthoff
5945 South Lois Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1800

Pam Gregory

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From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 9:13 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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thomas.chandler@fcc.gov

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

From: Yvonne Perkins [mailto:yvonne.perkins@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 4:12 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

December 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.

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Perkins
29431 Allegro Dr
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543-6767

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Sent: Monday, December 04, 2006 8:49 AM
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Sent: Saturday, December 02, 2006 4:12 PM
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Sincerely,

Yvonne Perkins
29431 Allegro Dr
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543-6767

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From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 9:05 AM
To: Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford
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5945 South Lois Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1800

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From: Rene Pellerin [Renegp@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 3:12 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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August 22, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

I am Deaf and vision impaired and expressed concern of my needs in event of emergency.

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.

It is important to treat us as a first class citizens and emergency broadcast must be accessible in order to obtain emergency information as equal as my hearing peers.

Sincerely,

Rene Pellerin
65 Lakeview Terrace
Waterbury Center, VT 05677-8015

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Prince_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 8:30 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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From: Debra Prince [mailto:debbiprinc@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 7:52 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 22, 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,

Debra Prince
333 Liberty St Apt 19
Little Ferry, NJ 07643-1362

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From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 9:21 AM
To: Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

I have about a dozen of these I am forwarding to you. Tom

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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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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 sandi.johnson at 4:21:46 PM on 9/11/2006 with the description:

You can access this problem through your queue.

Consumer Name: UNKNOWN UNKNOWN
Submission Method: Email
Phone Number: (000) 000 - 0000
Email: bprusak1@mac.com

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

bprusak1@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

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!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Bernard Paul Prusak
2231 Birchwood Parkway
Woodridge, Illinois 60517
bprusak1@mac.com

cc: Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Jay Keithley, Deputy

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Bernard Prusak
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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 5:03 PM
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From: Rene Pellerin [mailto:Renegp@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 3:12 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

August 22, 2006
Jay Keithley

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From: Nancy Rarus [nbrarus@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 2:52 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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August 16, 2006
Thomas Chandler

Dear Thomas Chandler,

Good grief!! How can you possibly..humanely..logically..psychologically entertain the possibility of doing what I understand you are going to do as reads below.

I have been a tax payer all these years, fighting for equal accessibility... and you go do this. Gimme a break.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Rarus
403 Greear Pl
Herndon, VA 20170-5312

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 3:28 PM
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-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Rarus [mailto:nbrarus@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 2:52 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

August 16, 2006
Jay Keithley

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Sincerely,

Nancy Rarus
403 Greear Pl
Herndon, VA 20170-5312

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Richey_TC_Don't roll back

From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:14 PM
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: Patricia Richey [mailto:plr@tmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:02 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 26, 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.

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Sincerely,

Patricia Richey
393 Locust Trl
Crownsville, MD 21032-1724

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Richey_JK_Don't roll back
From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 2:35 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Patricia Richey [mailto:plr@tmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:02 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 26, 2006
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Patricia Richey
393 Locust Trl
Crownsville, MD 21032-1724

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Robertson_TC_Don't roll back

From: John Roberson [jdk-jpr@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 6:42 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Sincerely,

John Roberson
4703 Tara Woods Drive East
Jacksonville, FL 32210-7971

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From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2006 8:26 AM
To: Pam Gregory
Cc: Thomas Chandler
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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Pam,

Another. I've copied Tom on this one as a reminder for you to check with him to ensure we have copies of all these emails.

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From: John Roberson [mailto:jdk-jpr@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 6:42 PM
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Jacksonville, FL 32210-8912

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pam.gregory

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

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

donrull@aol.com wrote on 8/21/2006 8:31:20 AM :

August 21, 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,

Donald Rull
5481 101st St.
Jacksonville, FL 32210-8912

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From: Ira Rothenberg [lonamstven@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Monica Desai
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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September 14, 2006
Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

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,

Ira Rothenberg
5683 Bridlington Ct Apt A
Columbus, OH 43229-3839

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Rothenberg_TC_Don't roll back

From: Thomas Chandler
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Pam Gregory; Francine Crawford
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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

From: Ira Rothenberg [mailto:lonamstven@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Thomas Chandler
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 14, 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,

Ira Rothenberg
5683 Bridlington Ct Apt A
Columbus, OH 43229-3839

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Rothenberg_JK_Don't roll back

From: Jay Keithley
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:56 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: FW: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

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From: Ira Rothenberg [mailto:lonamstven@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 4:42 PM
To: Jay Keithley
Subject: Don't roll back on emergency captioning!

September 14, 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,

Ira Rothenberg
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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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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 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

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those of others in the community.

I support TDI's request that the FCC withdraw its August 7, 2006 ^{Federal Communications Commission} ~~Emergency Information~~ ^{Office of the Secretary} 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,
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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From: FCCINFO
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 4:08 PM
To: Pam Gregory
Subject: CIMS CIMS00000139906 transferred from cynthia.barringtine to pam.gregory

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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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E-mail: Pam.Gregory@fcc.gov

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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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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.

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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, and send a copy of your email to TDI at 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 closed 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.

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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

*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
- Clarification to broadcasters on August 7, 2006 - http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-06-1600A1.pdf
- Nielsen List of Designated Market Areas - <http://www.nielsenmedia.com/DMAs.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.

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 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.

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info@tdi-online.org
enotes@tdi-online.org
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
TDI = www.tdi-online.org
CEPIN = 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

WATCHING".....How stupid can they/you get? *Roos_Cmrs_Don't roll back*

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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