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Central Middle School
44W303 Plato Rd.
Burlington, IL 60109
October 13, 2006

Dear Commissioner of the FCC,

Hello, my name is Kailey Krebs. I'm 12 year old and I go to Central Middle School. I am a student and I need captions to watch t.v. I need them because it so important to me. I read the captions on t.v. and I understand what the t.v. said with the captions. I use it when I watch Cannel One and watch movies and use it at home. I don't like to look back and fort because my eyes hurt looking at the interpreted for movies or Channel One. Please don't cut down the Captions I like they to use it on t.v and movies.

From,
Kailey Krebs
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Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc.
Human Services, Health Education, Employment and Interpreting Services

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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

Dear Chairman Martin,

The Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (GLAD) is very disappointed in FCC's poor decision in granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption not in keeping with current regulations, thus, GLAD strenuously objects to this loophole.

GLAD believes the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity can exploit by claiming that the cost providing closed captioning causes them an undue financial burden. We urge you to reconsider your decision. Closed captioning is a crucial and much-needed communication tool for the deaf and hard of hearing community. It is essential to create an informed and employable population. Inhibiting people who are deaf or hard of hearing from accessing televised or video material is unethical and blatantly contravenes the American with Disabilities Act which promotes full accommodation and accessibility for all people with disabilities.

GLAD is one of the oldest and largest non-profit agencies in the country; we have been improving the lives of people who are deaf or hard of hearing since 1969. GLAD's mission is to ensure equal access of the deaf and hard of hearing community to the same opportunities afforded by their hearing counterparts. The organization's general purposes and powers are directed around the promotion of the social, recreational, cultural, educational and vocational welfare of its constituents.

On behalf of the agency and our constituents, please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hughes

Dr. Patricia Hughes
CEO

CC: Congressman Xavier Bacerra

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Dear Commissioner of the FCC,

Hello, my name is Kristina Neville. I am a Hearing Itinerant Teacher and Sign Language Interpreter. I work at Burlington Central School District. My caseload consists of 8 students, deaf and hard of hearing, who all rely on closed captions when watching television or movies. Typically, for hard of hearing students, watching television turns into a stressful situation, if they watching television without any captions. Background noise and the variety characters' voices can really confuse the students. And thus, the meaning of the television show is lost. If the captions were on, the student could read the message and then understand the meaning involved.

One of my students, who is profoundly deaf, also uses a sign language interpreter during school. She is very dependent on the captions for understanding television or movies. Many of the movies are educationally relevant movies. The movies aid to her total comprehension of the content presented in school. There have been many times when I had to interpret for a movie. My student feels that it is difficult to watch an interpreter and the screen and still be able to follow the story and understand characters and events. I believe that giving deaf and hard of hearing students the access to all information is crucial to their success in life now and as adults. Please consider these students when making decisions regarding the funding of closed captions.

Sincerely,
Kristina Neville
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Hearing Itinerant Teacher
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