

Closed captioning ensures equal access to television information, news, and entertainment. As a deaf/hard of hearing person, I rely on television captioning every day.

I support the comments submitted by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and other consumer groups:

- Closed captioning rules must be changed to require real-time captioning for local news programs nationwide.
- The FCC must establish minimum standards for closed captions.
- Closed captions should be monitored to find and fix problems quickly.
- Closed caption compliance reports should be filed every three months.
- The FCC should establish fines for closed captioning violations.
- Broadcasters with more than \$3,000,000 revenue per year must caption the programs on all of their “multicast” channels, not just their main channel.

Sincerely,

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