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I am not deaf, but I believe deaf people deserve equal access to information and entertainment via television, DVD and the internet.

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

- For broadcasters who have expanded their programs to multiple channels, the FCC should apply the \$3,000,000 limit to the overall operations of the broadcaster, not the individual multicast channels.
- The FCC should establish fines for closed captioning violations.
- 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.

Sincerely,

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