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Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church
3755 Fannett Road.
Beaumont, Texas 77705
Billy Ray Harper, Producer
"Maturing in Christ" TV Program

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431

Re: Petition for Exemption from Close Captioning Requirements

Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church is a Faith-based Bible reaching and teaching ministry. We have been established since November of 1998. We are located at 3755 Fannett Road in Beaumont, Texas. The mission of the Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church is to be a spiritual, worshipping fellowship of obedient christian ministers transforming our community and world by reaching and teaching souls for Christ.

Our primary purpose is to MAXIMIZE our Potential in CHRIST. The desire of our pastor The Reverend Delbert A. Mack Sr. as led by the Holy Spirit, is to lead every member into the identification of His or Her gift and then persuade them to use it to glorify God. Cathedral of Faith offers 42 various ministries That seek to promote the whole-person concept in the lives of the individuals and community it serves. We believe by the teaching of God's Word, the transformation necessary for growth and development will continue well into the 21st Century.

Our television broadcasting program is designed to reach and teach those who are churchd and unchurchd. Those who are having difficulty, distress and depression in trying to discern God's plan and purpose for their life. It is of great interest to us to continue to proclaim a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through television.

Cathedral of Faith understands having closed captioning will allow the hearing impaired to get a clear Understanding of what is actually being said. After thorough research our technical department has concluded that the equipment that we currently use is not equipped for closed captioning. In order to do close captioning, it will require us to totally revamp and / or revise our systems through the purpose of new equipment and software which we are financially unable to do at this time.

Our television broadcast program cost a total of \$48,100.00 a year which includes airtime, the producer's labor cost and supplies used to produce the program. To add closed captioning into our program will increase our annual television budget by \$24,500.00. The increase amount includes:

- \$ 1,500.00 for DV and HD tapes
- \$13,000.00 for a closed caption operator @ \$250.00 per (30minute) program
- \$10,000.00 for software

These additional expenses would create a financial burden on the ministry which we believe constitutes an undue burden pursuant to 79.1 (f) of the commission's rules. We also believe that the local, non-news exemption to the closed captioning rules apply to our church program since our program only airs on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am- 10:00 am. Therefore, we are requesting that the commission grant a waiver to the closed captioning requirements to Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church. If any additional information is needed please feel free to contact me at (409) 466-9149

Respectfully submitted,


Billy Ray Harper, Producer