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## **RE: Request for Exemption from commission's closed caption rules**

Crosswalk Chapel is a non-denominational church in North Pekin IL established in 2004. The church established a 30 min television broadcast ministry in the local communities called "Crosswalk" that is now being broadcast in four cities in Illinois on the MY59 Network (Peoria, Moline, Rockford and Springfield). Please accept this petition for exemption from Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules for the closed captioning of the program "Crosswalk".

### **Nature and cost of the Closed Captioning:**

The program "Crosswalk" is a weekly locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat programming. The format is similar to a talk-show format or interview format that is completely unscripted. Because "Crosswalk" is a weekly program, the cost of the closed captioning would be an undue burden. My59 Network has given Crosswalk Chapel an estimate of \$85 per hour and approximately 4-6 hours per weekly program at a total cost of \$400-\$500 per week. Crosswalk Chapel is now spending \$500 per week for television broadcast time which with the addition of closed captioning would double the expense of the programming. This is the least, (monetarily) of the estimates received for closed captioning, others were much more. This would be a burden that would cause us to discontinue the production of "Crosswalk".

### **Impact on the operation of the program owner:**

The "Crosswalk" program is produced solely by the help of volunteers from our ministry. No one involved in the producing of the program receives any salary for this production. The ministry must keep the cost low given the size and revenue able to fund this project to reach the local communities. We do not have the money or the volunteers to add the undue burden of closed captioning.

### **Type of operations of the provider or program owner:**

Crosswalk Chapel through the program "Crosswalk" believe that through the teaching and airing of this program, people will begin to find victory over many abuses that are causing problems with the individuals, marriages, & families. For this reason we believe the program is of tremendous help to our communities.

Thank You, Pastor Mark Bassen, Crosswalk Chapel