

I am responding to your June 21, 2012 public notice requesting comment on a petition filed by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA), which is requesting that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) waive its rules requiring advanced communications services (ACS) and equipment to be accessible by people with disabilities.

I am legally blind and I do watch television. There are many times my husband needs to tell me what is happening in a particular scene during a movie or television program that we are watching. Descriptive video is an important asset that will enhance and afford for myself and fellow blind/visually impaired viewers the ability to watch television independently as our sighted counterparts. I am against granting the NCTA's request for a waiver from the current provisions of the Communications and Video Accessibility Act which require that set-top boxes which offer advanced communication systems, i.e. e-mail, Skype-to-Skype, etc. be made accessible by October 1, 2013. and not July 1, 2016 as a finish date.

Respectfully submitted,
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