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From: Park Place Baptist Church
5701 Hwy 80 East
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Case Identifier: CGB-CC-1026

Enclosed: Public Captioning Exemption Petition



The purpose of this letter is to update our pending petition with information you requested for case CGB-CC-1026.

Park Place Baptist Church respectfully requests exemption from the closed captioning requirements under section 79.1. Park Place airs a one hour tape delayed broadcast of our weekly worship service on WUFX Ch 35 in Jackson, Mississippi. This ministry serves the unchurched population of our metro area, shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals, prisoners and others unable to attend a local church service. The production staff is completely voluntary and we have no paid media personnel.

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The \$275 per week charge for airing the program represents the largest share of our media ministry budget. Supplies, repairs, etc. average less than \$500 annually. We do not have the equipment or technical personnel to add the captions to our broadcast.

Our local station has offered to outsource the work at a cost of \$250 per week. This would result in approximately an 81% increase in our entire media ministry budget, which would be economically burdensome on the church.

Park Place Baptist Church does not believe that seeking additional sponsorship sources or other sources of revenue for captioning is appropriate because we are a church. Approaching businesses for funding communicates a dependency of the church on outsiders. This is not the message we prefer to send. As a church, we wish to serve the community, not take from them.

Without this exemption, we will likely be unable to continue to air the broadcast. Based on the feedback we get from our viewers we feel this would not be serving the public interest.

Park Place Baptist Church greatly appreciates your thoughtful consideration of this extremely important and consequential request. We testify that the information in this letter is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Sincerely,

Rev. Keith Grubbs
Pastor

June 27, 2012

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