



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Messiah Outreach Christian Family Church
Attn: David Paul Garrett, Pastor
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Columbus, GA 31908

Dear Pastor Garrett:

The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has reviewed your petition for exemption from the closed captioning rules. As discussed in further detail below, CGB has found that the petition provides some, but not all, of the information needed for us to make a determination as to whether or not the FCC closed captioning requirements would be economically burdensome for you.

Specifically, your petition included information on your financial status, the costs associated with captioning, the impact of captioning on your programming operations, and verification that you have sought captioning assistance from your video programming distributor. We conclude, however, that because your petition is still missing required information, we cannot take further action on your petition.

If you wish for this petition to receive further consideration for a closed captioning exemption, you must supplement your petition by providing us with the information described below by **November 9, 2012**, which is 30 days from the date of this letter:

- Verification that you have sought additional sponsorship sources or other sources of revenue for captioning, and that, even if these efforts have not successfully produced assistance, you do not otherwise have the means to provide captioning for the program(s)(see TIP #3 on accompanying information sheet); and
- An affidavit (*i.e.*, a written sworn statement made under oath before an official attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of the material in your petition) or a signature made under penalty of perjury. The affidavit attached to your letter received April 4, 2012, was neither signed under oath nor signed before an official.

You also may provide any additional information that you deem relevant to an exemption determination, as well as any alternatives that could be a reasonable substitute for the closed captioning requirement. Please note that all supplemental information must be accompanied by an **affidavit** (*i.e.*, a written sworn statement made under oath before an official attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of the material in your petition) **or be signed under penalty of perjury**. If you do not file the additional information by **November 16, 2012**, or the information that you provide is still deficient, your petition will be dismissed without prejudice to re-filing **on January 15, 2013**, and you will be required to begin providing closed captioning for the above-referenced programming **on January 16, 2013**.

If you decide to supplement your petition, your petition, as well as any supporting financial information provided, will be available for public inspection. If your petition contains confidential information, the FCC's rules provide a way for you to request "confidential treatment," while still providing enough information on a second version of your petition, so that the public can understand the basis for your exemption request and comment on its merits. See TIP #4 on the accompanying information sheet for more information on how to seek confidential treatment.

For your convenience, we have enclosed additional information that may help you better understand how the FCC processes individual requests for captioning exemptions. If you have additional questions pertaining to the filing of an exemption request, please contact the FCC's Disability Rights Office at captioningexemption@fcc.gov.

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Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

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