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Greater Community Temple C.O.G.I.C
Attn: Takisha Strong
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Dear Ms. Strong:

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, CGB has determined that the petition you filed with the FCC on April 27, 2007, and revised by an update filed July 5, 2012 provided information on the type of your operation and the impact that providing captions would have on your programming activities if you were required to provide captions but did not provide all of the documentation that the FCC requires to determine whether providing closed captioning would be economically burdensome. We conclude, however, that because your petition is 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 **March 18, 2013**, which is 30 days from the date of this letter:

- Documentation of the petitioner's financial status sufficient to demonstrate the petitioner's inability to afford closed captioning – for example, recent profit and loss statements or bank statement information. This should not just include the resources devoted to or the costs associated with the television program at issue. (See TIPs #2 and #3 on accompanying information sheet).
- Information about the costs associated with captioning the specific program(s) for which the petitioner is requesting an exemption.
- Verification that the petitioner has sought closed captioning assistance (*e.g.*, funding, services) from its video programming distributor, including the extent to which such assistance has been provided or rejected. (See TIP #5 on accompanying information sheet).
- Verification that petitioner has sought additional sponsorship or other sources of revenue for captioning, and that, even if these efforts have not successfully produced assistance, the petitioner does not otherwise have the means to provide captioning for the program(s). (See TIP #5 on accompanying information sheet).

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 or 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 **March 18, 2013** or the information that you provide is still deficient, your petition will be dismissed without prejudice to re-filing on **May 20, 2013** and you will be required to begin providing closed captioning for the above-referenced programming on **May 21, 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 #6 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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