

To the FCC and whomever else this may concern:

I understand that the original intent of new laws regarding accessible television equipment is being subverted. By "subverted", I mean that instead of having companies required to provide accessible equipment, the regulations in the works leave it up to the customer, me, to beg the manufacturers to provide something for my use. In 25 years of work in the computer industry, i never saw this work successfully and I don't expect it to work in this case, either. When certain aspects of technology specifically relating to accessibility are left to the discretion of the manufacturer, they're at best half-done and at worst not done at all.

Just as an fyi, Microsoft's Narrator program is only now, in Windows 8.1 gaining some of the features that third party providers have offered since the early 1990s in terms of navigation. I would expect the television and video industry in general to show the same lags. This would put true accessible video out to the year 2040 or so. This isn't acceptable and shouldn't be tolerated or agreed to.

As all people desire to, blind people desire to have a full slate of usable accessible products to buy and use and not products that are half-functioning and outmoded before they start. Therefore, I think that every video provider should be required to provide accessible products right from tvs to all of the satellite and other navigational and usage products.

Sincerely,  
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