

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to let you know this "upon request" made by people with vision loss to request an accessible television or similar equipment directly from the manufacturer is unacceptable.

The intention of Congress is clear and the expectation of the blind and visually impaired is that all retail stores would have readily available accessible televisions and TV-like equipment in their stores.

This "upon request" compromises the agreement reached with the cable and satellite industries that neither involved the consumer electronics lobby at the time nor applies to their client companies now.

People with vision loss will not stand for the consumer electronics lobby's proposed gutting of one of the most popular and important parts of the CVAA. The frustrations of the blind include the difficulty of simply trying to adjust the volume or finding and activating the TV's video description controls to play a movie.

Sincerely,

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