

To whom it may concern:

I am a legally blind individual who has experienced a lot of frustration over the years attempting to enjoy television and movies.

I am respectfully and strongly begging for accessible equipment and programming from my cable provider.

I want to be able to hear emergencies announced verbally as they stream across the bottom of a program. I want a remote that I can use. I want to be able to push one button that activates the SAP which turns on audio description. How much longer do I and others have to wait?

It was the obvious intention of Congress, and it is the expectation of people who are blind or visually impaired across America, that accessible TVs and TV-like equipment would also be readily and regularly available at commercial retail stores. I would like to remind the FCC that the so-called "upon request" compromise that we reached with the cable and satellite industries neither involved the consumer electronics lobby at the time nor applies to their client companies now. Sir, 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. Again with respect, try blind folding yourself to experience the frustrations trying to simply adjust the volume or channels on your equipment, to simply play a show or movie, to find and activate your TV's video description controls, and to otherwise make full use of your TV or TV-like equipment.

Sincerely,

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