

The new FCC proposed regulations that are being circulated regarding Captioned Telephone Service is not in the best interest of people with hearing loss. This will prevent anyone receiving a captioned telephone for free and instead everyone will be required to pay 75.00 which is an outrageous amount of money for people who rely on a set budget or low income. This seems more like a tax for elderly and hearing impaired especially because you cannot use captioning without a special phone. The FCC is pushing to require captions to be set to the off position. If a phone is to caption 100% verbatim then why get a phone that does not work unless you push a special button. Most of the users are expecting this phone to caption as soon as the phone is taken off the hook. This makes the phone worthless of its job function. I oppose these regulations because they make it difficult or impossible for people to obtain and use the service as it was created to help them not hurt them!