

FCC not acting on our request

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To: [redacted] (in)

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Senator and Staff,

Sun Sounds of Arizona is the state's only home-delivered reading service for 49,000 people who can't read print due to a disability. While that number might sound large, it's actually only 20% of the potential audience according to US Census and the NIH National Eye Institute. With your help, we could be reading to more than 250,000 Arizonans.

In June of 2013 we responded to a public request for comment by the FCC in regards to their enforcement of indecency rules (GN Docket No 13-86). We asked that our reading service be exempt from enforcement based primarily on the fact that what we transmit via radio is verbatim reading of published works.

You may agree or disagree with the rights of print-disabled persons to hear the same exact words that sighted people read in newspapers or magazines everyday, but the FCC has done **nothing** in response to our request. It is now almost a year in the cue for a response. We are asking you to inquire on our behalf as to when the FCC will take up our request.

Here is what is at stake.

- - The inability to provide readings directly from current print on open channel broadcasts has kept our reading service from reaching 200,000 Arizonans who need our help.
- - Fear of FCC fines for uttering "the 7 words" has kept reading services boxed in to subcarrier and other poor transmission methods for over 35 years.
- - For decades, as a result of this FCC Indecency Enforcement policy, millions of American Seniors who lived and died with vision loss were prevented from having a FREE reading service in their homes.

Thank you in advance for making a phone call to the offices of the FCC Chairman and helping us to learn when they expect to respond to the nation on this issue. We know that as a champion of seniors in Arizona, your voice will help to move the FCC to address the concerns we and other Americans expressed in the open comment period last year.

If Sun Sounds of Arizona can provide any additional help or information which will make your phone call easier to make, please let us know. Our contact information is below.

Sincerely,

David W. Noble

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