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Federal Communication Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
445 12th Street, SW
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RE: Exemption: closed captioning

Hello:

As a psychotherapist, licensed in Marriage and Family Therapy and Addictions Counseling, I produce and host a health information show that addresses pertinent community health issues (i.e. depression, family stress management, communication with teens, alcohol-drug issues for college students, families responding to mental illness, healthy workplace values, etc.).

This 30 minute community health education show, "New Skills for Living", airs once per month, Sunday mornings, at 6:30 AM, on KOLO-TV, Reno, Nevada.

I am requesting the FCC grant an exemption of the closed captioning rule for the following reason:

1. Supplying captions for this program would create an undue burden. This helpful health education show could not continue to be produced because of the costs of close captioning.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

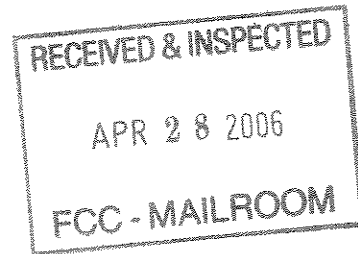


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Commission Secretary
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445 12th St, SW
Washington D.C. 20554

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Commission Secretary:

I am petitioning for exemption from the closed captioning rules based on the undue burden standard found in section 79.1(f) of the FCC's rules.

1. The "New Skills for Living" show is a volunteer community health education/community service show I have hosted 1x/month for 11 years on KOLOTV, Reno, NV.
2. As an all volunteer community education/community service show, my time as producer-host is volunteered, the guests are volunteer healthcare professionals, and KOLOTV provides, free of charge, as a service to the community, the studio production crew and airtime.
3. Finances/assets: there is no income produced or derived from the show.
4. I have received 2 estimates of the cost of close captioning the show; the range of the estimates is \$500.00-\$600.00 per show.
5. This cost for closed captioning (\$6,000.00-\$7,200.00/year) is ultimately prohibitive: unless we are granted an exemption (undue burden), the show will have to be cancelled.

I have continued to donate my time in producing and hosting this show, and KOLOTV has continued to provide this show to the community because we have continued to hear from the public that they appreciate the health information shared each month. I believe the community would feel they have been deprived of a valuable health information resource if the show has to be cancelled.

Thank you for your consideration.

I do swear and affirm that this information I have provided is accurate.

Sincerely,

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