

**Consumer Advisory Committee**  
**Recommendation Regarding Access to Televised Emergency Information by People**  
**Who are Blind or Visually Impaired**

The Consumer Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the FCC take action to ensure that individuals who are blind or have low vision have access to televised emergency programming. To accomplish this, the FCC needs to identify methods to make such on-screen-displayed text – which includes written or other non-verbal information (whether scrolled or displayed as characters or images) that appears on a television screen – accessible to this population. Such text should include information provided

- during regular programming when such information is provided to afford viewers with warnings of and instructions on how to respond to emergency or hazardous conditions;
- during local and national news bulletins; and
- during the broadcasting of any other information the Commission deems appropriate.

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(17 members in favor; 0 members opposed; 4 members abstaining)

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