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Pastor Darrell Huffman

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Closed Captioning
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S
CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

New Life Team, an outreach of New Life Church, [hereinafter, NLT] respectfully submits this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements, under Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. & 79.1. NLT believes their program New Life Today qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons:

Part 79.1 Section (D)

Item (8) New Life Today is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, is not a news program, and the "electronic news room" technique of captioning is unavailable.

Part 79.1 Section (F)

Compliance would impose an undue burden to NLT and New Life Church for the following reasons:

- (1) Since New Life Church does not have "closed captioning" equipment, it would be necessary to send the programs to an outside source for captioning. This would severely impact meeting airdate deadlines, and further, the added production cost would make production of the television program unaffordable. NLT and New Life Church would have to discontinue programming and cease broadcast operations. An affidavit showing the unaffordable cost is hereto attached and labeled EXHIBIT "A".
- (2) NLT is not funded or granted in any way by outside sources. NLT depends on support from individual donors and from New Life Church. The significant added cost would be an undue burden on the Ministry at this time.
- (3) NLT is an outreach ministry of New Life Church whose sole purpose is to share the abundant life we have through Jesus Christ with our local community.

Again we respectfully request that New Life Team an outreach of New Life Church be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

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In His Service,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darrell Huffman", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

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