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Federal Communications Commission Attn: Secretary's Office Closed Captioning 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554



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

Walter Hallam Ministries / Abundant Life Christian Center 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. Walter Hallam Ministries / Abundant Life Christian Center believe their program Abundant Life Today qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons.

Part 79.1 Section (D)

Item (8) Abundant Life Today is 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 Walter Hallam Ministries / Abundant Life Christian Center for the following reasons:

- (1) It would be necessary to send the programs to an outside source for captioning. This would impact meeting airdate deadlines and the added production cost would make production unaffordable.
- (2) Walter Hallam Ministries / Abundant Life Christian Center is self-funded and the added cost would be an undue burden on the Ministry at this time.

Walter Hallam Ministries is an outreach ministry of Abundant Life Christian Center whose sole purpose is to share the abundant life we have through Jesus Christ with our local community.

Again we respectfully request that Walter Hallam Ministries / Abundant Life Christian Center be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

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Respectfully,

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