

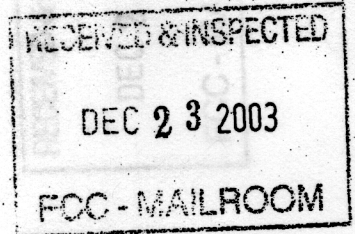
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**"Building Strong Word
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RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

Living Word Bible Church 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. Living Word Bible Church believes their program Word for Winners qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons.

Part 79.1 Section (D)

Item (8) Word for Winners is locally produced and distributed religious 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 Living Word Bible Church 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) Living Word Bible Church would have to discontinue our program and cease broadcast operations.
- (3) Living Word Bible Church is self-funded and the added cost would be an undue burden on the Ministry at this time.
- (4) Word for Winners is an outreach ministry of Living Word Bible Church whose sole purpose is to share the vision of building strong families with our local community.

Again we respectfully request that Living Word Bible Church be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

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