

Magalie Roman Salas  
Office Of The Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing in opposition to the imposition of video description as a federal mandate. While descriptive video can be useful and enjoyable, it is in no way essential for access to television by persons who are blind, and it should not be viewed in the same way as closed captioning for the deaf. As a blind person myself, I am much more concerned about gaining access to the silent emergency messages which often scroll by on the bottom of a TV screen.

Please give careful consideration to the comment submitted on this matter by the National Federation of the Blind. That comment sets forth the issues surrounding video description in a manner that is sensible and practical.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Dunnam