

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL**

Re: *Accessible Emergency Information and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, MB Docket No. 12-107, Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The future of watching does not look like the past. Gathering around the glow of a bulky television set encased in a walnut cabinet has given way to sitting before slim models mounted on the wall. But those sleek screens on the wall are not the only game in town. That's because the number of screens around us has multiplied and we now expect to view video on any device, anytime, and anywhere.

But with so much change, some things stay the same. When emergency strikes, we still need access to information. We still need the news that will help keep us safe. That is why I support today's Order and Rulemaking. It updates our policies to reflect the way we watch now—and ensures that the blind and visually impaired are able to receive emergency information when they watch linear programming on screens both big and small. Moreover, it means those who are disabled will be able to do so simply, without having to navigate through multiple menus or complicated user interfaces in order to hear time-sensitive emergency information.

This approach is consistent with the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act and in the end it does something strikingly simple—it extends opportunity and access in the digital age. Thank you to the Media Bureau and the Disabilities Rights Office for your efforts.