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re. MM Docket No. 92-254

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing regarding the case of Daniel Becker's political advertisements which depicted the remains of unborn babies who had been killed by abortion. While I agree that these images are disturbing, I believe it was Becker's point, precisely, that we should be disturbed by the gore of abortion, which is instead tolerated because the media has refused to expose the truth about abortion.

I see a strong parallel to the media's treatment of the Vietnam War. Up to a point people had tolerated that war. When the media started showing the graphic and bloody images of massacres, however, people found the war unacceptable. Any objective observer would have to agree that the images broadcast into American homes night after night

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horrific as those of our slaughtered children. But any honest person would recognize that the difference with the abortion issue is that the media is philosophically committed to preserving the right to kill unborn children and is unwilling to expose the facts about the methods and results of abortion.

Surely, if the news media chose to present an exposé on the devastation of abortion, indecency would not be raised as an objection. In fact, nightly depictions of disasters, wars, nude dancing, or murders show images that are disturbing for both me and my children, yet are defended under freedom of speech provisions of the Constitution. The fact that, because of political considerations, the media chooses not to expose what happens to our children in abortion is all the more reason that a candidate like Daniel Becker must have the freedom to air the truth.

The content of prime time programming is intentionally disturbing or horrifying without any purpose of opening a dialogue regarding policies or practices accepted within established government and media circles.

In fact, the very purpose of the First Amendment is not to allow the indecent and obscene things that are produced for titillation and sensationalism, but for the very reason that Daniel Becker produced his ads: That those who oppose government policies should have the freedom to express their opposition. Indeed, if his appeal is denied and his political voice stifled, the First Amendment is worthless, and the continued production of trash based on "freedom of speech" will be evidence only of its corruption.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie P. Davis
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Thank you for offering the opportunity to provide some comment to you for proposed rule making. The issue for this letter concerns a question before the FCC as follows, "Should a broadcast licensee be allowed to regulate or to not broadcast material it deems is harmful to children but is not considered indecent?" This is as I understand the question from a phone call I made to the FCC on January 15. By the way, the staff I dealt with was very helpful and courteous. I've jotted down my thoughts, I hope you can take input that is not a simple yes or no answer.

From what I have been able to gather from other sources the question comes, at least in part, from a recent political campaign ad in Virginia which a broadcast licensee either did not run or aired in off-hours. The advertisement addressed the abortion question as a campaign issue and showed photos of aborted babies. As far as being harmful, it might be considered harmful to the cash flow of the local abortion provider. But I fail to see how it would seriously be considered harmful to children. I'm sure some people and even some experts may have that position, but realistically, it can't be any more harmful than seeing graphic TV murders or seeing dead bodies on the 6 pm evening news, both of which are broadcast in abundance. The ad was political in nature, in a campaign, on an issue where there is a lot of varying opinion. In this context I believe the ad should have been run, particularly since it was a political advertisement concerning an issue of great importance to many voters. I think there is great danger to freedoms in this country when opposing viewpoints cannot be expressed through the broadcasting media. I see that the potential exists within the question before the FCC for the broadcast media to essentially cut off access to opposing viewpoints should the media in an area be so inclined. This can easily be done under the guise of an opposing idea being considered "harmful" to children. The issue, particularly in regards to political speech material, reminds me of some individuals in Texas who decided to burn the American flag. They were promptly jailed by the local authorities. Their case wound up before the United States Supreme Court a couple of years ago. The court decided that the flag burning was political speech and was protected by the constitution no matter how offensive or how harmful it may be to a lot of people. There can be a very blurred but very important distinction between what is "harmful", what is "offensive", what is "unpleasant", and "ideas I do not agree with". I for one am not wise enough to codify these differences into a proposed rule.

I also question the level of discernment currently being exercised by broadcast license holders. I see an abundance of material that even psychologists consider harmful to children being broadcast every day, at all times, without question, in the ever increasing amount of violence, sex and some rather raunchy radio talk shows being aired.

On the other side of the question, I do see situations arising where a broadcast licensee would be forced to air material that is universally considered very harmful to children or families if they do not have the ability to exercise discernment in what is going to go across public airwaves. For instance, if a hypothetical group wanted to get on the air, for whatever reason, with material promoting teen-age suicide, or to promote illegal drug use, the material would have to be aired if the right of discretion were not given to the broadcast licensee.

As you can see I do have very serious concerns if the rule gives carte-blanch authority to broadcast licensees to regulate what material is aired particularly where the material is political in nature, with true, factual information intended to inform people in general of viewpoints. I also have a serious problem if broadcast licensees are not given authority to use discretion in what is being aired at a given time. I really view the question as posed to be much too broad in it's potential application and misapplication to the public airwaves.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the question before the FCC and thank you for taking the time to carefully consider this input, I hope it is of help to you in your deliberations.

Best Regards,

Raymond E. Monson Janelle J. Monson
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DEAR SIR:

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REGRETTABLY WAGA-TV USED A DECENCY ARGUMENT TO PREVENT THE SHOWING OF MR. DAN BECKER'S POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS THIS FALL. ONE MIGHT AGREE WITH THEIR ARGUMENT, EXCEPT THIS IS THE VERY SAME STATION WHICH IN FEBRUARY OF 1992 AIRED "TEASERS" FOR ITS OWN NEWSCAST AT 8:00 PM DURING THE WINTER OLYMPICS (A PRIME FAMILY EVENT) SHOWING A MAN AND WOMEN LYING NAKED ON A BED ENGAGING IN FOREPLAY OR ACTUAL SEXUAL INTERCOURSE. SUCH GRAPHIC SEX HAS NO BUSINESS IN THE LIVING ROOMS OF FAMILY HOMES. AT LEAST AN ABORTION SHOW WILL EDUCATE A PUBLIC THAT HAS BEEN TOTALLY SHUT OUT BY THE MEDIA FROM ANY FACTS CONCERNING THE BRUTALITY OF ABORTION. IT SEEMS TO BE OK TO SHOW THE PUBLIC BODIES OF PEOPLE MUTILATED BY SWIFTERS' BULLETS; WAR CASUALTIES; BURY CAR ACCIDENT VICTIMS; EVERY CONCEIVABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT RAPE, ORAL SEX, AND THE LIKES; PLUS A LONG MENU OF VIOLENT SHOWS, BUT TO SHOW WHAT HAPPENS

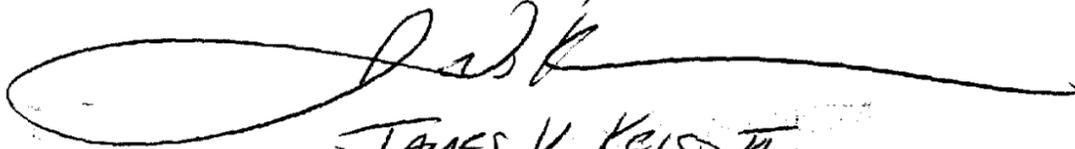
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IN AN ACTUAL ABORTION SUDDENLY BECOMES OFFENSIVE TO THE DELICATE SENSES OF THE MEDIA -- HOGWASH!! NABA'S PROTEST WAS ENTIRELY A POLITICAL ONE AND DENIED MR BECKER HIS RIGHT FOR TIME IN THE FALL ELECTION. HAD NABA EXERCISED CONSISTENT SENSITIVITY TO VIEWERS TASTES IN ALL PROGRAMMING, I MIGHT AGREE WITH THEIR ARGUMENT. BUT THEIR TRACK RECORD IS SHOT WITH HOLES FROM NATIONAL PROGRAMMING TO THEIR OWN LOCAL BROADCASTS, AS MY ATTACHED LETTER PAGES.

NABA SHOULD BE PENALIZED FOR VIOLATING MR BECKER'S RIGHTS TO AIR A POLITICAL COMMERCIAL.

Sincerely,



JAMES V. KEW III
LT COL USAF (RET)



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Dear Mr. Kelso:

I am in receipt of your letter and appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us. I have passed your letter on to our news department for their review and comment, and we are trying to be more careful about stories we carry during prime time Olympic coverage that will be reported on later in our newscast.

I am sorry you find some stories within the newscasts distasteful. I can assure you there are many times we are frustrated about the types of stories we must air and carry, but we do believe it is our responsibility to report news stories of interest to most people and those that are reported in nearly all forms of news and information sources. We do work hard to try to provide balance and sensitivity, but our viewers input helps us in those discussions.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

JS:bp

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Station Manager, WAGA-TV
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Atlanta, GA 30306

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Dear Sir:

I am logging a strong protest over your station's selection of promotion for your newscasts that was aired at approximately 8:20PM yesterday during your telecast of the winter olympics.

Right in the middle of this event that draws a large number of young viewers, you showed a picture of two completely nude individuals embracing on a bed as part of your promo for news at 11:00. My family and I watch very little T.V. because of the large number of programs and commercials that encourage promiscuous behavior. It is offensive to me and to many of my friends to be watching a major sports program and be subjected to this type of advertising.

And while I am on the subject of newscasts and sex, it is nauseating to watch evening newscasts and their explicit discussions of sex education, behavior, and deviations thereof. I don't watch the news to see a video of how to put a condom on over a banana (last night at 11:00) or to hear the grisly details of whether sperm was in the underpants of a rape victim (William Kennedy Smith trial). I can no longer let my elementary age child watch the evening news because I am not sure what will come flashing on the screen.

What standards of taste do you operate under? From what I can see, the type of broadcasting you use contributes to the very problems that you end up reporting. Let's start putting some modesty back into television--maybe more people would watch a program or two, even the news.

Sincerely,

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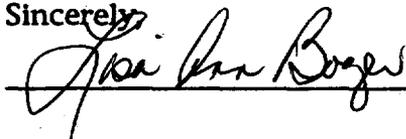
My reason for writing is to express my concern in regards to the MM Docket #92-254 that would limit political campaign advertisements to have the freedom to be able to air material that would be considered 'indecent' from the media's viewpoint, such as, film clippings of aborted fetuses, at prime time, but would force them to air on 'safe harbor' time, midnight - 6:00 am.

Mr. Gross, there is great concern this petition would create *discrimination* based upon religious beliefs. For instance, Mike Bailey, a former '92 candidate, was able to air his stance against abortion by showing clippings of aborted fetuses. Should the MM Docket #92-254 take effect, this would give an unfair advantage to opposing political rivals and create a bias in an already tilted political arena. Christians that are running for office, would be open to the mercy of the media on what is considered 'decent' or 'indecent'.

A perfect example of being 'at the mercy of the media' is the refusal of WAGA-TV, Atlanta, Georgia to air Mr. Daniel Becker's (candidate for Congress in the Ninth District of Georgia) 30 minute political program "Abortion in America: the Real Story". Mr. Becker was denied his 'reasonable access' to broadcasting facilities that is in effect under Section 312(a) (7) of the Communications Act. WAGA-TV also denied their obligation under Section 315(a) of the Act not to censor programming aired on behalf of political candidates.....all in the name of 'indecenty'.

"Indecent" is used to describe a word or action that is grossly unseemly or offensive to manners or morals. Indecency can then be used to depict commercials with sexual connotations in perfume commercials, such as "Calvin Klein", or the "Seinfeld" show that aired a 30 minute program on masturbation at 9:00 pm, or "L.A. Law" that repeatedly airs sex and violence, or "Donahue" that performed a homosexual wedding between 2 men and allowed them to kiss and discuss their sex life, and the list could go on to create quite a volume of entries. These few were listed to reveal that *"indecenty" is not the issue, but the struggle in the power for control in regulating moral issues.* Mr. Gross, please deny petition MM Docket No. 92-254 for it would deny our constitutional freedoms that have already been established.....thank you so much!

Sincerely,



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Keep the rules as they are. Pro-life candidates should have the right to show the ugly side of abortion. Only after people hear both sides of an issue can they make the proper choice.

Shila Anderson
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There is a definite difference between " indecent " and educational. Indecent, to me is when Channel 5 takes their cameras in one of the " Strip Clubs " and shows a naked women from her feet to her head making all of her erotic movements on the six o'clock news or Mr. Denny in California being beaten, kicked, and stoned with bricks by his attackers.

It seems to me that the television media is influencing our children greatly with sex and violence, instead of educating the public about killing of 4400 babies daily by abortion.

I feel that if the public knew what an abortion really is, we would see the number of abortions decrease greatly. Perhaps, the liberals at Channel (WAGA) don't want to see that happen. As far as I am concerned, WAGA took away Mr. Becker's first ammendment rights. I can only wonder what will be taken away from us next.

I saw " excerpts " from WAGA while telling us that this commercial would not be shown. They were not indecent in any way .

I don't know how the truth about abortion can be harmful to children or anyone else, unless you are one of the abortionist or clinics that kill these babies for pay. To me, ABORTION, IS THE ULTIMATE CHILD ABUSE.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regard to Daniel Becker's political commercial, abortion in America MM Docket No. 92-254. WAGA-TV in Ga. refused to run the ad. I believe abortion is an ugly, grisly subject, but so are rape, murder incest and child abuse, the stuff of the 6:00 news. People have a right to know the truth, pleasant or unpleasant.

I firmly believe Daniel Becker's message was censored because it is not politically correct. Much of what is put forth on TV as entertainment is indecent and offensive, especially on prime time. The news glorifies sex and violence. Why is there no outcry from the TV stations? Daniel Becker set out to prove abortion is immoral by showing people what an abortion really is.

WAGA blocked him, saying his ad was indecent and unfit for children. What hypocrisy!

Please don't cover up the truth!

Sincerely,
Kim DuMont

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From: Mrs. Connie Dunn
Concerned citizen for life

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Dear Secretary:

Thank you for your willingness to listen and receive comments concerning Daniel Becker's pro-life political commercial.

My question to this issue is what is the criteria of indecency. How could the airing of the program "Abortion in America" be any more indecent than a woman dressed in just a B-string and the bare back exposed as the same said station's commentator reports on a nudity bar? While it lingers in our living room on the 5:30 PM and the 6:00 PM news, our impressionable nine year old and six year old sons are influenced as to what is or isn't decent.

How could the airing of "Abortion in America" be any more indecent than misappropriating language and usage of body parts and body functions in programs of this same said station? And what about the usage of the name of God who created all? And these programs are televised as children "soak in" these "intelligent vocabulary words."

How could Becker's 30-minute commercial be any more indecent than the violence portrayed on the news coverage of this same said station? As the cameras focus in on human bodies riddled with gunshot and the atrocities of war, there seemingly is no withholding of every detail. What about those true-life stories shown, depicting the suffering of others, and of true-life police programs? And all these shown during prime time. Some

of these take the viewer step by step through crimes of rape or of murder. How is it that this is less indecent, especially to a young viewer whose mind infiltrates these actions?

Ah, it might be said, "Turn the television off or turn your channel if you find these showings indecent or objectionable." Yes, then, perhaps, this same advice could have been offered to the viewer who finds Becker's "Abortion in America" indecent and objectionable.

Nevertheless, the issue is of indecency and how it is decided for television viewing. War torn countries, heinous crimes of rape, drugs, child abuse and murder are ugly sights as is abortion; yet, these above can be aired. There seems to be a hypocritical viewpoint. There seems to be a censorship. There seems to be a concealment of the truth - abortion is ugly. Abortion is the murder of a human life, of a soul to have the potential in which the Creator created. Abortion is the negation of a person's right to live as stated in the Declaration of Independence. Abortion is the denial of equality.

And if there could be an appeal made, it would be to view the abortion program as a medical procedure. On the news and other programs, heart transplants and other surgeries have been aired.

To sum this up, the crux of this issue is not so much indecency as it is censorship, a concealment of the truth. What is the purpose of the media - to present truth in an unbiased manner? This action of refusal for the airing of "Abortion in America" presents a biased viewpoint as well as hiding the complete truth.

Again, there is great appreciation for the opportunity to express these opinions and hope that there is a soon-to-be re-evaluation of the criteria on decency and unbiased news.

Sincerely,
Connie Dunn

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COMMENTS OF Gary Hoffmann

Gary Hoffmann from Surrey, North Dakota and who is a Father of three children, herewith submits comments in opposition to the restricting of political candidates on the topic of their campaign advertisements. I submit the following:

I am writing you in response to the controversy over Mr. Larson's political advertisements for U.S. Senate for North Dakota that was aired during the 1992 campaign on many N. D. television stations through out North Dakota. There has been a lot of debate over whether this type of graphic advertisement should be allowed on the air when children may be watching.

Attached is a recent story of a shooting in Florida. Obviously this murder is wrong. You can see the violence and almost hear the gun shots as the smoke from the 9 mm handgun reveal discharged bullets being fired into the body of the victim. A life wasted by someone who is distraught and angry, confused and vengeful because this woman has seen fit to cause his daughter to kill herself. So we are led to believe from the script. We have just seen the snuffing out of a human being and this is acceptable and righteous reporting!

On Darrel Larson's advertisements we saw still photos similar to the enclosed atrocity. We say babies killed because of an unwanted pregnancy (95% or more of abortions are done for the convenience of the Mother and less than 1% is done for rape, incest, or life of the Mother.) Mothers who haven't really been given opportunity to consider what they are really doing to this baby in their womb. Mothers who are distraught because they are in a predicament they never wanted. Angry because their boyfriend doesn't want to be responsible for the life he helped create or their parents are pushing them to abort. Confused because they aren't sure what to do and vengeful because they are going to make someone suffer for the misery they have been put through when and if they realize they have been dumped by the abortionist who took their money and their baby and said if they had any complications go see a doctor. They have been exploited by a boyfriend who dumped them shortly after the abortion and now they face their decision all by themselves. Vengeance is heaped upon themselves because they can't forgive themselves for what they have done.

On Darrel Larson's advertisements, we saw still photos similar to the enclosed atrocity. We call the photo on the shooting and the script newsworthy, but the photos and script of aborted babies isn't newsworthy?

What prevents us from calling both of these crimes the termination of a human being and saying one is not suitable to be aired but the other is?

The question of death and even violence is not in the balance here. It really is the question of what is acceptable by the broadcasting industry. And that is determined by what makes good news, - that is news that will draw people to the front page, screen, or radio. Who wants to admit there is good objective reporting either by a reporter or by an advertisement when the industry is really afraid of loosing their ratings.

I would suggest you be more objective about your approach to reporting and determining what is good advertising and stop trying to be actors and actresses striving to maintain high ratings. The truth is not always pleasant, but than isn't that true with the Florida shooting, and the Larson ads?

Sincerely,



Gary Hoffmann

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Comments of Paul Hoffmann, age 16 and a Senior High student at Surrey High School, in Surrey, North Dakota. I submit the following:

I am writing you in response to the controversy over Mr. Larson's political advertisements for U.S. Senate for North Dakota that had picture's of aborted babies.

I do have a comment and it is just this. These people who object to the commercials that displayed dead babies that were killed by abortion are being hypocritical! I mean who do they think they are fooling?

The people who are complaining obviously can't handle it, so why do some allow their children to watch shows on television that consist of even worse violence? They watch beheadings, massacre's, mutilation, and of course "soft porn" and they don't mind their children seeing all of this!

If these people can't handle the pictures of something that is actually happening to other children, death by abortion, then maybe someone is trying to tell them that it's not right to kill babies.

After all if something that looks that awful and morbid, you must ask yourself, HOW CAN IT BE RIGHT TO ABORT CHILDREN and yet not be willing to inform your own children by advertisements that that is exactly what is going on in the United States.

Thank you

Paul Hoffmann
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January 20, 1993

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N. W.
Washington, D> C> 20554

Dear Secretary,

Please accept my comments on all issues concerning the right or obligation a broadcast licensee has to channel their political advertisements.

Enclosed are the required five copies.

Sincerely,



Linda Hoffmann

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COMMENTS OF Linda Hoffmann

Linda Hoffmann from Surrey, North Dakota and who is a mother of three children, herewith submits comments in opposition to the restricting of political candidates on the topic of their campaign advertisements. I submit the following:

I am writing you in response to the controversy over Mr. Larson's political advertisements for U.S. Senate for North Dakota that was aired during the 1992 campaign on many N. D. television stations through out North Dakota. There has been a lot of debate over whether this type of graphic advertisement should be allowed on the air when children may be watching.

I feel very strongly about truth in ads, ALL ads. I feel that as a candidate he has a right to state his position on the issues and one of the major issues in that race for senator was - pro/life vs. pro-abortion. Mr. Larson was trying to show what the issue was actually about, the killing of preborn children.

Mr. Larson was making a stand against abortion and to present that position he needed to show the results of an abortion to prove the fact that these truly are babies with fingers and toes. Yes, it is very gruesome and revolting to see. But so is the violent murder's that I see on the nightly news, and the pictures of people starving in foreign country's! This is only a small example of the terrible thing we see every day on T. V. but that are actual events that we must be made aware of.

All of the violent deaths, blood and gore that we associate with "News", is reality! Our children see this on the news, in comic books, in video's, and in the movies. They are exposed to this with out our approval may times and yet no one seems to get upset if it is in these area's of entertainment - but if someone who will possibly represent us in Washington shows us pictures of babies being killed by the thousands every day, we get out raged! to me this is hypocritical and narrow minded. Politicians must be allowed to have freedom to present their political views in their advertisements. Thank you.

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In closing, I would like to once again say how strongly I am opposed to censoring these Pro-Life messages. I also plan to write my local TV stations that are currently airing these advertisements to thank them for having them on during day and evening hours. I ask you to seriously consider this decision and I thank you for your time.

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