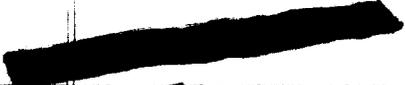


RE: STEPHEN HOPKINS' AD IN AUSTIN TX

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I, AS A CITIZEN OF THIS FINE COUNTRY AM HORRIFIED THAT

STEPHEN HOPKINS' ANTI-ABORTION ADVERTISEMENT, WITH ITS PHOTOS OF MEDICALLY PERFORMED ABORTIONS IS REQUIRED BY ALL THREE CHANNELS TO BE SHOWN. I AM 100% BEHIND HIS RIGHT TO CAMPAIGN, EQUAL AIR TIME, AND HIS RIGHT TO HIS OWN OPINION BUT THIS IS JUST TOO MUCH! MY FRIENDS' CHILDREN ARE HAVING NIGHTMARES DUE TO THIS AD CAMPAIGN. IF ANYTHING IS OBSCENE IT IS THIS AD! I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT THE FCC. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TOO GRAPHIC?

A DISGUSTED PATRIOT

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Dear FCC,

This letter is to express my concern and displeasure with the television ads Mr. Hopkins is airing under the premise of running for state representative's office. It is obvious, Mr. Hopkins has taken advantage of the intention of the law that was intended for fairness in the political arena. These "shock ads" are not to present a candidate or his political philosophy, but they represent a pro-life or anti-abortion platform with grotesque visual aids. Mr. Hopkins can make his personal views known to an audience without the inappropriate, graphic nature of his commercials. The abortion issue is not the point as is the means used to illustrate the issue.

The FCC has to draw the line or the line needs to be changed. I think this gross, intentional misuse of the law for politicians who are running for office. Clearly, there needs to be a change to serve the interests of the public better. Hopefully, that was the original intention of the law. I thank you for your time in this matter and would appreciate a reply.

Sincerely,

Michael Lifshen, M.D.

cc-Sen. Phil Gramm  
Sen. Lloyd Bentsen  
Rep. J.J. Pickle  
Rep. Sherri Greenberg

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