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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Sirs,

We think you should reevaluate the political advertisement showing dead fetuses. There has to be a more reasonable limit to the expression of a political idea.

We have two daughters, 9 and 6. We don't want Operation Rescue ads in our home. We don't want them to turn on the TV expecting to see Rocky and Bullwinkle and see dead babies. They would be traumatized by those scenes. They are too young to be involved in the abortion issue. They deserve to have a childhood in a time when kids grow up too fast.

For many years, independent showmen, such as carnival sideshow owners, have been closed down. The ones with displays of normal and abnormal fetuses had them confiscated. The owners were charged with illegal disposal of human remains and a variety of other charges. The fetuses so taken, many over 20 years old, were given to pro-life organizations who buried them with great ceremony and publicity. How can it be legal to now take fetuses, put them in political announcements and transmit them over public airways into our homes unasked. Where is their concern for those dead babies now? What are our children's rights? Those ads amount to television terrorism and should not be condoned by the FCC.

We are forced to stop watching television until after the election to avoid this intrusion into our home. With other forms of questionable material, one can simply not go to a particular movie, not read a certain magazine, or turn off TV shows known to contain certain adult language or situations. But when the objectionable material is contained in advertising, without a known schedule, we can not be sure that our children are not going to be exposed to it.

We would ask you to review your decision. While the fetuses may not be obscene in sexual sense, they are just as objectionable as a gory horror movie which even with a disclaimer would not be allowed on television.

Sincerely,

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