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I was watching a program called "Real Life" on CNBC channel 35, on Tuesday 15th. of September hosted by Boyd Matsen. The topic was should the tv networks be able to censor the showing of ABORTED FETUSES by politicians for campaign commercials.

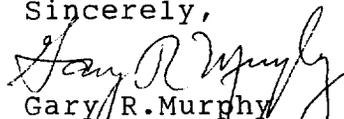
I want to voice my concern that the tv networks not be allowed to censor these commercials. Millions of lives are at stake and they should not be allowed to limit "free speech", the subject they are constantly defending when ever it suits them.

The Holocaust has shown graphic detail, (emaciated, naked bodies being bulldozed into mass graves). The benefits to the Human Beings who watch the movies, "The Horror" outweighs the shock of the horror depicted. I don't see how they can on the one hand claim it's upsetting to kids, and not understand it's much worse to abort them, (children will overcome being upset, they can't overcome being aborted) They will let kids see "cut and slash" movies because they're not real, but to the child the images are still the same (Nightmares).

I think the politics of the networks is onesided already, without their being allowed to edit out political commercials to. The networks know that all the talk in the world won't discredit what people see with their eyes that these are Human Beings their killing. Since their not Pro-Life but pro-abortion they don't want the other side to have a convincing argument.

What I'm asking you to do is not to take sides but to allow both sides "Free Speech" to make their best arguments, the future of alot of children are at stake I have read that 95% of abortions are done for contraceptive purposes not to save the life of the mother, therefore the Pro-Life people for the sake of their beliefs must be able to present their arguments. Thankyou for allowing my concern to be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary R. Murphy
5020 S.W. 94th Ave.
Cooper City, Fl. 33328
(305) 680-8125

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attention: Mr. Milton Gross
Chief of Political Programming Branch

Dear Mr. Gross:

Shortly after noon today I was watching the "I Love Lucy" television rerun with two of my grandchildren when this awful political commercial showing aborted children appeared. This is outrageous! I lied to my 8 year old grandson that the death of the babies was related to war.

In no way can such political advertising be good for the family to watch. It is disgusting! If this political candidate was against rape would the candidate be allowed to show a rape scene? Of course not because it also is not good for the family to watch.

If abortion issues are to be shown graphically they need to be restricted to after hours when children are in bed. Today was a teacher's meeting (?) day so that school was not in session and children could watch TV during normal school hours.

Sincerely,

W. J. Witt
William J. Witt

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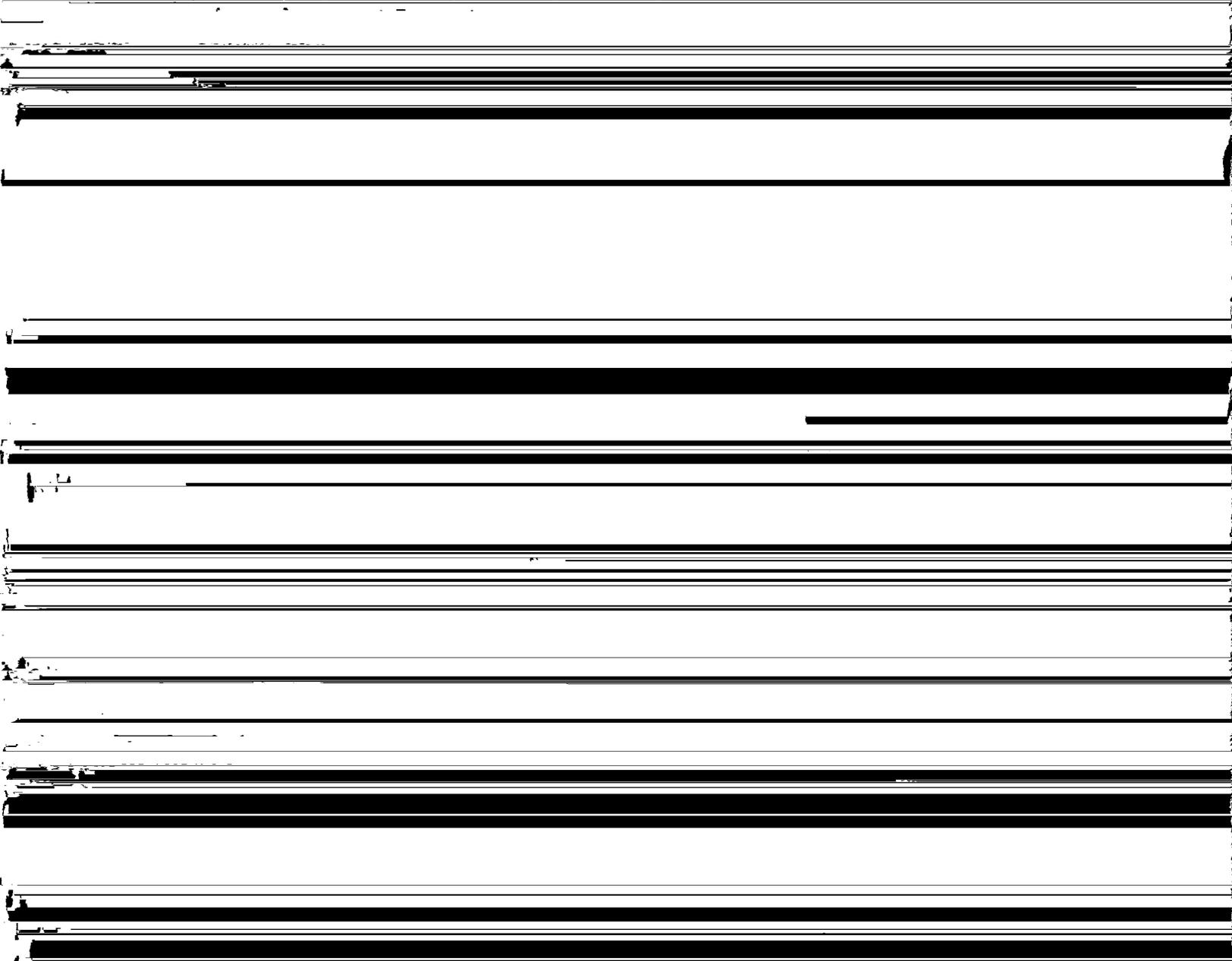
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Dear Directors:

I am writing concerning the graphic anti-abortion ads. I have never felt so affected by the issue as I did after viewing these ads.

They are graphic. They are upsetting. As a mother, I am concerned



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I am writing in protest of the campaign ads shown in my area for a Senate candidate named Matt Noah.

It is important for every candidate to be able to present his or her political views in the mass media in order to attract voters, but these dead and mutilated fetuses only disgust and offend rather than campaign effectively. These are clearly not respectful to the intelligent audience who watch them.

Please register my complaint as well as my recommendation to ban all campaign ads before resorting to this kind of banal trash.

Heidi Hoffman
629 S. Howes
Fort Collins, CO 80521
(303) 221-0947

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Noah Zucker
5921 Cape Coral
Austin, Texas 78746

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c/o Broadcast/Cable Complaints
1919 M. Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in opposition of the possibility that activist groups, specifically those who refer to themselves as "Pro-Lifers" or "Right to Lifers", may attempt to broadcast graphic material(i.e. mutilated fetuses, etc) in order to "further their cause." While I do not necessarily oppose their view points, I do oppose the method by which they try to convey it. Parents should not have to baby-sit their TV to make sure that their children don't see such gruesome displays and thereby suffer from nightmares because of other persons' political views. I draw the line at revolting images being broadcast where innocent, non-voting age children may see this political assault.

Signed,

Noah Zucker

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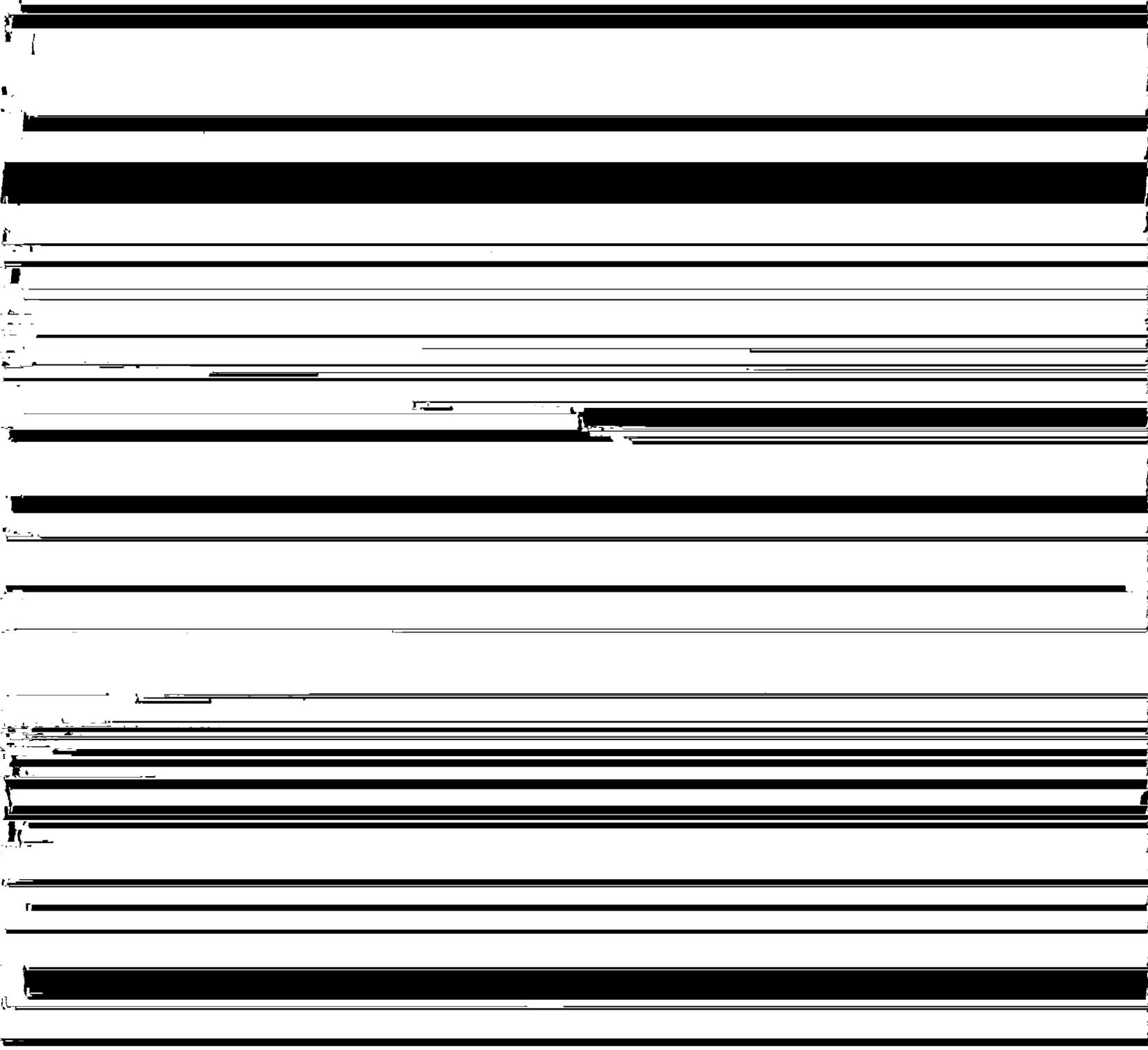
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FCC 1919 M Street NW
Room 8202
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

I strongly support the running of graphic ads showing the remains of innocent babies after abortion.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Keller
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Washington, D.C. 20554,

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Dear Sirs:

1992 Celestin Trend, anti-choice "Jesus Ads"

I wish to complain concerning 1992
Celestin Trend, anti-choice "Jesus ads".
The ads are deceptive and abusive and
of present at U.S. abortion centers urging
to abort and to abort women,
these ads should be not aired on TV.

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To whom it may concern,
 I am writing to express my outrage & revulsion at the airing of a political commercial for the congressional candidate Vincent Brown. This "PRO LIFE" ad has the most graphic depictions of aborted fetuses I have ever seen. I work in a large metropolitan hospital in the Pathology department & I have seen many aborted fetuses but never have I been so completely disturbed by anything on my television as this. It is an insult to the PRO LIFE movement to wear + to the pathetic fetus. I am also concerned with the possibility of small children & unstable adults seeing such garbage. Please can't something be done about this? I have never been moved to write a letter to the federal government before but this issue is lousier in the extreme. Thank you for your interest in this letter.

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P.S. Please excuse this hand writing; I am very upset.

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Gussler

MARY JO GUESSLER
939 HARDING DR.
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have viewed, with great skepticism and disgust, the commercials that are being aired by Michael Bailey, the "gentleman" running for office.

First off, I am concerned with his claim that those are actual aborted fetuses. Are they? If they are, he is misleading the public with claims that they are the standard for the maturity of the fetus at the time of abortion and/or magnifying the actual size of the fetus. If they are not, how can he be allowed to portray them as aborted?

To view these images is rough, not only for adults but for children who may see the commercials. I cannot understand why he is being allowed to air them, let alone being protected by law to his right to do so. Makes one think the law has a huge loophole in it.

Finally, I am beyond understanding why he is campaigning far beyond the boundaries of his district. And I suppose there is some law that allows that.

I just wanted you to know, though I know there is probably nothing you can do about the problem, that I am standing up to voice my disapproval of his tactics. The guy is out to put on a show, though it is frightening how he is doing it.

Sincerely,

Michele Johnson
1625 S 400 E
Lebanon, IN 46052

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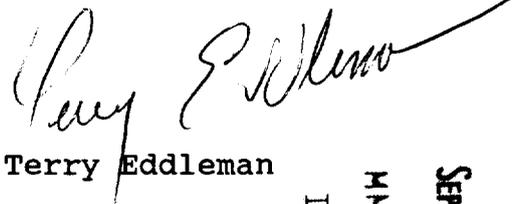
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Room 8202
1919 M St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sirs:

This is a complaint about political ads being shown in the Des Moines area on the commercial TV stations. The ads are on behalf of a presidential candidate by the name of Howard Phillips of Virginia and air time was purchased locally by a man named David Shedlock.

The ads show aborted fetuses and, in my opinion are obscene and despicable. Nonetheless, Mr. Shedlock has chosen to air these ads during children's programming. The local TV stations have stated that they cannot deny this advertising because the FCC doesn't deem them obscene. I think that is wrong on your part. If obscenity is judged by local standards, these ads are obscene. Further, if the FCC can't regulate this type of material being shown during children's programming, there is something seriously wrong in Washington.

I am requesting that the FCC change its mind and take immediate action to bar these ads from local TV, and particularly during children's programming.


Terry Eddleman

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To whom it may concern

I am strongly opposed to ~~co~~ political advertising which shows alleged third trimester aborted fetuses since those ads are deceptive and ~~offensive~~ offensive.

Please also know that I strongly urge you not

to allow the airing of political advertising which shows alleged third trimester aborted fetuses since only 1% of all U.S. abortions occur during the third trimester.

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Re: Anti-Choice "Fetus Ads"

Dear Sir:

Shame on you for allowing these
indecent, offensive and deceptive
ads to exploit medical tragedies !!

These depictions of alleged, aborted
third-trimester fetuses disgusts me.
Only .01 percent of all U.S. abortions
occur during the third trimester, and
the ONLY way to save the life of the

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Mary A. Banski
1712A Woodland Ave
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October 8, 1992

Federal Communication Commission:

Last night, after a pleasant dinner with friends, I returned home and turned on the t.v. to watch "Nightline". carried by KVUE in Austin. During one commercial break, I left the room and returned to see mutilated embryos. As I stood watching in horror and asking my husband "What is that?" the advertisement concluded with a political candidate's name running for office on an anti-abortion platform. My husband said "It said not to watch it!!!". Unfortunately, I was out of the room when this part of the commercial aired.

I am writing this letter in hopes that your commission will consider several issues in allowing these commercials to be aired. First, the disclaimer at the beginning of the commercial, or rather piece of propaganda, is not effective. The nature of commercial breaks facilitates the partial viewing of ad. At least when a movie contains offensive material, the viewer is informed through the t.v. guide. I know not to turn that channel on at all during shows that will offend me. In the case of a commercial break, one can hardly expect that viewers need to turn off the television each time they leave the room. One hardly expects to be assaulted with these gruesome images during a late evening show.

Second this issue runs deeper than freedom of speech. As a university professor, I often encounter attitudes different from my own. I have the opportunity to counter those messages with those of my own. However, in the case of a television news show, my only response is to refuse to watch that channel. However, KVUE is required by law to air these commercial. If it were an editorial decision to air or not air these commercials, I could use my viewing habits to respond to these commercials. In this situation, refusing to watch that channel is unfair to the network. In order to counter these messages, I would have to run for political office. I realize that censorship is always a dangerous answer to material that offends. However, this material goes beyond offensive to hurtful. Anyone who has ever made the incredibly difficult decision to abort a fetus potentially suffers mental anguish at the viewing of these commercials. I know I did. If cigarette manufacturers are not allowed to advertise on t.v., I don't believe terrorist groups, like the extremist who produced these commercials, should not be

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allowed to disseminate such messages. Furthermore, I am not an expert in media law, but isn't there some ruling against harming others through advertising. If I am running for political office and run on a platform of racial supremacy, would I be allowed to create commercials which might incite violence? After viewing these messages I felt assaulted.

Please consider that with any right, such as the right to free speech, responsibility is a prerequisite to exercising that right. I don't feel the producers of this propaganda considered their responsibilities to the viewing public in airing these commercials.

While I understand that this issue is a difficult and complicated one, I would appreciate a response to this letter explaining in detail the FCC's position in this issue.

Thank you for your time

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Re: Paid Political Propaganda

Sirs;

I am writing you regarding your regulatory mandates which allow Political "Candidates" to air their version of the "truth" regarding such personal decision controversies such as Freedom of Choice vs. Right to Life, even overriding any quality control standards which individual Broadcasters such as KXAN Channel 36 and KVUE Channel 24 both in Austin, Texas might try to instill in their programming schedule.

Although I personally have no black-or-white objection to either a woman's right to an abortion versus a child's right to be born, I do have a very definate objection to the propogated horrors taped and broadcast by Write-In Texas State Congressional candidate Steven Hopkins.

It is admitted by Mr. Hopkins' campaign staff that he truly has no desire to win a Congressional Seat, but that he would like for his right to life message to be received by a mass majority who are subjected to it daily because of Your protection of his Paid Political Advertising rights.

While I am disgusted that he actually has these rights protected by a Federal entity, I do understand your original intent in allowing candidates of all political parties to receive equal endorsement time regardless of any Station Manager or Programming Director's personal political affiliation, I am appalled that that Right is now being abused, with Your knowledge, (and indirectly, Your permission) by the Right to Choose Coalition vs. the Right to Be Born Advocacy rather than any "Republican" or "Democratic" candidate.

I truly feel sorry for the Stations that will be losing a viewing audience of a mass majority simply because You, who do not know the people of this town anywhere nearly as well as the Programming Director's do, are afraid to offend anyone; including such a deplorable example of humanity as Mr. Hopkins has shown himself to be.

Until our Federal Government is willing to stand up and support the Moral Majority of this nation and not just the overzealous advocates who are protected by loopholes in the system, we should be able to rely on our independent

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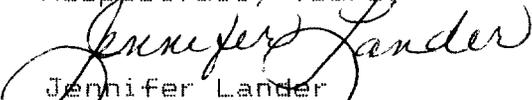
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judgement which you have obviously deemed insufficient by decreeing that all local stations must broadcast such trash, regardless of their Quality Control Standards or professional objections so long as it is cloaked as a "Paid Political Advertisement".

This type of hypocrisy, that will allow an aborted fetus held by tweezers to be shown during daytime programming when children may be subjected to it much more readily than between "prime-time" hours of 7-10pm when most young children happen to be asleep, or at least have parents supervising the content of the commercials as well as the shows that their families are viewing, is appalling, and I urge you to look closely at your regulations; making revision and modifications as necessary to ensure that this type of trash is not allowed to be shown in another 2 or 4 years under the guise of "Political Advertising".

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter, I sign myself:

Respectfully Yours,


Jennifer Lander
1107 Floradale Drive
Austin, Texas 78753

cc: KXAN TV - Austin, TX
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Gerald S. and Elfriede Craddock
332 Wolf Hill Road
Dix Hills, N. Y. 11746

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Dear Sirs:

In this pre-election year we have observed several political advertisements on television that show abortion of babies.

We have both had biology courses in college and we know that this is completely misleading. U.S. law currently allows abortion in the first trimester, at which point it is an embryo and about 2 cm long. There is only a small amount of tissue involved. From further reading of scientific journals we found that only 0.01% of all abortions are performed during the third trimester, and then it is only allowed to save the life of the woman.

How can you allow these advertisements to be aired? We pride ourselves in the United States of promoting education and not misinformation, or lies.

Please advise.

Sincerely yours,



Gerald S. and Elfriede Craddock

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Dear Sirs:

I wish to file a formal complaint
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Please prohibit the running of these indecent and deceptive ads in the future.

Let me know about you policy on this material.

Signed:

Dr. John F. Hydon

Mr John F. Hydon

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Dear Sir/Madam:

It seems several anti-abortion House candidates have filed for public office solely as a means to air TV ads showing aborted fetuses - apparently late, third-trimester abortions.

These ads are deceptive. Only 0.01% of all U.S. abortions occur during the third trimester - and then only to save the life of the woman. In order to not mislead, these ads should explicitly state this.

Please investigate and take action.

Thank you

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Sincerely,
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Baton Rouge, La. 70818
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Dear FCC,

I am writing to protest WBRZ Channel 2 in Baton Rouge La.'s refusal to show the commercials for Mayoral candidate Kim Carmouche. I have seen these commercials, as well as allowing my children to see them. I found them neither obscene nor unfit in anyway for television. In fact, in the light of all the other programming with violence & obscene sex scenes that are allowed on Channel 2, I fail to see the reason for the censorship. Why is one TV station allowed to get away with this type of censorship? Is it because it is too close to the truth to be tolerated by the obviously pro-death Channel 2? I might add that we were subjected to the various pictures coming out of Sarajevo, including the pictures of the children killed on the bus. However, no one accused these pictures of being obscene. I ask you to very carefully investigate this in the light of what our constitution says on the subject of censorship. Let us not be as in the days of Nazi Germany when all newsmedia were subject to the state, & the opinion of one man.
Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Monica Desormeaux

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I Urge you to stop deceptive +
offensive TV ads showing alleged
third-trimester aborted fetuses!
Only 01 percent of all U.S. abortions
occur during third-trimester + then