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Dear Sir
As a concerned parent, I believe
way past time to get
quality children's programs
on TV. 10 hours a week
of educational program
ming is not asking
too much. Please do
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Dear Mr. Quello,

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I am writing to express my support for better television programming for children. I understand that a law has been passed that should enforce more educational tv. for kids but that networks bypass this law ~~by~~ easily and without recrimination. This is really too bad! We need to stop having so much garbage on tv. all around, but especially for children. I am a concerned parent...

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Signed, Caitlin McKinnell

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James Quello
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Quello,

As the parents of two small children, my husband and I are extremely interested in any move the FCC will be taking in beefing up the Children's Television Act. We are so taken aback at what we see in the way of children's programming that, except for a few programs -- Sesame Street, Mister Rogers Neighborhood and occasionally, TNT Sunday Night Looney Tunes and Barney and Friends-- our children watch only videos or no television at all.

Our complaints about children's programming fall into several categories.

1. Our first and foremost concern: violence. Now, even Chip and Dale are shooting at other "people" and characters are being carted off to jail. "Batman," "Beetlejuice" "Ninja Turtles" and other cartoons of that ilk (we are so disenchanted with them we can't even name others) consist either of people yelling and shouting as a means of communication and/or people gunning each other down as a means of communication/matter of routine. These are not messages we want to send our children. These messages are very loud and clear from other quarters: they don't need to see it insidiously on TV, invading every facet of their young lives. The lack of violence and the message of friendship is the only thing Barney has going for him.

2. The number of commercials and the VOLUME of commercials is alarming. Our children can be in another room, hear a commercial screaming at them and run to the television. Are so many commercials really needed to support the cheap crap they are passing off as children's shows?

3. In addition, oftentimes commercials with "adult" content -- "Geraldo" or "A Current Affair"-- appear on "family" programs during hours when children are likely to be watching.

4. Overall, more money and energy need to be funnelled to children's programming. Even "Sesame Street," long held as a icon in the world of children's television, is reduced to the point of reruns. Since our older boy was born, we've been fairly regular viewers and haven't seen an entirely new episode yet -- and that's been more than 3 years. Our children need shows with positive messages and role models, shows that inform, shows that challenge them.

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In an era when the Fax is a way of life and a 3-year-old can run a computer, that doesn't seem like too much for us to ask.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Quello:

I am the mother of a three year old boy and am appalled at some of the programs that are now broadcast under the guise of educational programming.

I would like to see the Federal Communications Commission strengthen the regulations on the Children's Television Act, so that we can be assured of quality educational programming in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Katherine Westerman

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Mr. James Quello, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Quello:

I would like to urge you to strengthen the regulations on the Children's Television Act. Our children are our future and it is imperative that responsible programming be provided for their viewing, not junk.

I am the parent of a twelve year old and a five year old and I have always acted as a censor for the television they view. Some children are not lucky enough to have an adult to limit what they watch. Please use your authority to help improve the quality of television for our children.

I appreciate your efforts in this very important endeavor.

Sincerely,



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Attn: Chairman James Quello

Dear Chairman Quello:

As parents of the Middletown Prekindergarten Program, we would like to voice our dissatisfaction with the level of programming available to our children. Even some cartoons are not educational but demonstrate force and violence in a manner inappropriate for children's viewing. An example, Ren & Stympe, is totally unacceptable.

Beside creative program content, an important improvement would be the timing of good educational programs. Late afternoons, early evening and weekend would be the most appropriate viewing time.

An example of a worthwhile educational program is Barney. It teaches parenting, manners, fire safety, counting, how to deal with strangers, share toys, get along with siblings. Other good examples are the age old Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers, and 321 contact.

We have other suggestions. We would like to see more choices that enrich children's lives like teaching another language, i.e. Spanish, teaching discipline and a sense of responsibility. We also think programs that teach parenting skills would be an important benefit to children and their families.

Sincerely,

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