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From: Holly Hawkins <hawk@traverse.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong,sness)
Date: 7/4/95 5:00pm

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Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Commissioners Chong and Ness:

I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week. Although I am not yet a parent, I still treasure the advantage that a good education has provided. Educational television was just beginning when I was a child, but I remember watching the first shows on PBS. Network tv provided short educational 'commercials' on Saturday mornings; like "Letter Man" or "Conjunction Junction". I couldn't tell you the names of any of the cartoons I watched in between!

Thank you for considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act (CTA). Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for children. I realize this is only a small step in fixing the poverty of mind that affects so many today, but it is a step YOU can make to help. I try to help in my own community by serving as a Big Sister, holding positions on local child-oriented boards and volunteering for various organizations. We each need to do what we can for our children, our future.

Sincerely,

Hollis A. Hawkins

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(616)947-6631

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From: vic parekh coe stnt <vxp5882@hertz.njit.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 5:53pm
Subject: Re: Take Action For Children's Television!

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> > DRAFT LETTER
> > Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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> > Dear Commissioner Chong:
> > As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing
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> week.
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> potential for kids will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive
> and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all our kids will benefit.

> > > Sincerely,
Vic Parekh
6507 Hudson Avenue
West New York
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From: <rogerv@sco.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 6:30pm
Subject: Children's educational programming...

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I am very much in favor of providing at least 3-5 hours a week of children's educational programming on TV. This is just a token amount, but I guess things have to start somewhere. This should be presented at the times that children are most likely to be watching TV, early morning and early evening.

Thank you.

-Roger Vortman
134 John Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: STEPHEN DUNCAN <uhdsd@trex.oscs.montana.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 7:02pm
Subject: The Children's Television Act

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Sincerely,

Stephen F. Duncan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Family Studies
Montana State University

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From: Robert Bagley <RBAGLEY@hestia.fcs.uga.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 8:10pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As a student in Child and Family Development and a concerned parent of two, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

Television has the potential to be a positive force in children's lives. I ask you to vote in favor of the children.

Sincerely,

Rob Bagley
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Athens GA 30605

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Subject: CTA

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I hope you will support the passage of the new regulations of the Children's Television Act that are currently under consideration by your commission.

It is imperative that we provide as many opportunities as possible for children to have access to enriching programming on television. The passage of a provision for three to five hours per week of such programming on U.S. stations and the other initiatives in the package will be good first steps in that direction.

Sincerely yours,
Mark Gardner

4701 Kenmore Ave., Apt. 1110
Alexandria, Virginia 22304-1227

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From: Neala Schwartzberg <nealas@panix.com>
To: Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/3/95 9:57pm
Subject: Take Action For Children's Television! (fwd)

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a parent and former tv researcher, and I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

The advertisers view content as a way of insuring an audience for their advertising and their products. The quality of the content is not important. It is a vehicle for securing viewers and purchasers. TV stations probably care more about revenue than quality. So, who but the government will protect and support the children?

Please support this measure. Tv has such potential, and it has the potential to educate, inform and amaze our children. Why would we not want it to live up to a small part of that potential?

Sincerely,

Neala S. Schwartzberg
59 Georgia Drive
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From: Dr. Bill Huitt <whuitt@grits.valdosta.peachnet.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 10:17pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

As a teacher trainer, I am very concerned that our children acquire the skills necessary to be successful in our society. I believe that television has an as yet untaped potential to assist our young people and would like to see more educational programs provided by our television stations.

I am encouraged that the Commission is considering new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

Dr. Bill Huitt
Department of Psychology, Counseling and Guidance
Valdosta State University
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From: <TimoCruz@aol.com>
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Date: 7/3/95 11:36pm
Subject: children's television act - quantitative rule

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong: rchong@fcc.gov
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing you concerning the Children's Television Act, and the quantitative guideline which the FCC is currently considering. As a parent and a citizen, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of tougher rules to ensure that stations broadcast a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of quality, educational programming. It is appalling to consider the amount of time that kids spend in front of the television in our nation, and the paltry number of intelligent shows they are offered during that time.

I encourage you to insist that broadcasters earn the right to the licenses they are granted, by providing this minimal amount of kid-friendly, constructive fare. Our future depends on the quality of our children's minds - and that is something that concerns everyone, parent and non-parent alike.

Thank you for considering this request.
Sincerely,

Timothy Forsberg
823 Riverside Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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From: Martina Lively <lively@riddle.med.unc.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 8:41am
Subject: Children's Television Programming

Dear Commissioner Chong: As the parent of three young children, I strongly urge you to support the rules under the Children's Television Act that will require television stations to provide at least 3 to 5 hours per week of educational television programming. Please make this stand for America's children and families.

Very truly yours,
Martina M. Lively
410 Gibbon Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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From: Joan Blaser (309) 792-2500 <BLASERJ@idea.ag.uiuc.edu>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 7/5/95 4:57pm
Subject: television act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As a Family Life Educator, Mother and Grandmother, I am asking you to vote for the new rules that require television stations to provide standards for educational programming for children. In recent years we have done a program with the networks in the Quad Cities and found that an educational program has about thirty seconds of education. Programs like Roseanne, The Simpson's and Beverly Hills 90210 were all listed as being educational.

It is good that the Commission is considering new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. I would suggest a minimum of 4 to 5 hours of educational T.V. shows each week. During the hours most children would be watching television. It also seems important that you consider some standards for what makes a show educational. Are thirty seconds of education valid for one 1/2 hour show?

Television is one of the most outstanding teachers ever developed and it seems we are using it only for monetary gains. The opportunity is there -- have we missed accepting that opportunity? At best, we provide education on a hit or miss basis. If the listener is "sharp" enough, they may pick up on the education that is being offered.

I realize this is not an easy task. Those who work in the television industry must consider whether to write an educational program -- or one that will "sell". We all know that violence and sex do sell -- television does have tough decisions to make. We must be convincing when we make demands for "better" children's programming.

Children have not yet gained the wisdom to know what is best for them to watch; therefore, we must make some choices for them. Stricter regulations would be one way of allowing a child to choose from more positive programming. Our kids are our future. Let's not sell them short. In the words of a current author, Dr. David Walsh (current book -- Selling Out America's Children), "the important thing to remember is the realization that all of this marketing effort and expense is aimed at children as consumers, not learners. In the world of marketing and advertising children are targeted for profit, not education." Are we selling out our children?

Please study the rules and regulations thoroughly before making a decision.
Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan Blaser Blaserj@idea.ag.uiuc.edu@internet
Extension Educator, Family Life
Quad Cities Extension Center
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From: Jean Ispa <CFDJEAN@MIZZOU1.missouri.edu>
To: Commissioner Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/5/95 5:02pm
Subject: television programming

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I am writing to express my strong support for the new guidelines for the Children's Television Act and to urge you to vote for them. They are really minimum standards and broadcasters should be ashamed not to support them themselves. It seems sad but true that they will have to be forced to provide programming that is beneficial for children. I think our society as a whole loses when children are exposed to hours upon hours of violence and mindlessness. What are we teaching them?

Jean Ispa, mother and professor of child development
1020 S. Glenwood Ave.
Columbia, Missouri 65203

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From: David Radwin <dradwin@ucsd.edu>
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1204 Lisa Lane
Los Altos, CA 94024

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I strongly encourage you to enforce a "quantitative requirement" for television stations in enforcing the Children's Television Act. Specifically, I ask that you require television stations to set aside 3-5 hours a week for truly educational programming.

Candidates for public office receive "equal time" protection from the FCC. Surely, children deserve no less. Your vote could make this happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Radwin

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From: <rsuntag@els004.attmail.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 4:20pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Sincerely,

Sharon and Rick Suntag
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From: Amy Aidman <amya@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 4:36pm
Subject: educational programming and children

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

As a communications researcher in the area of television's effects on children and a parent, I urge you to support the new guidelines for the Children's Television Act which would require all television stations to provide several hours weekly of educational programming. I have seen in my own research that children do learn positive behaviors from pro-social, age-appropriate programming (a point that receives much less press than the learning of aggressive behaviors from violent programs).

Requiring stations to provide educational programming is one way to give the Children's Television Act some teeth, and to show that as a society we are making important strides toward putting children first.

Amy J. Aidman, Ph.D.
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To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 1:13pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Please vote for new rules to strengthen enforcement of the Children's Television Act. We need clear definitions of what "educational programming" is and we need clear guidelines to enforce minimal durations of educational programming on the commercial networks.

I am a developmental psychologist on a university faculty teaching child development classes. In reviewing the research on television in relation to child development, it is clear to me that the quality and content of television programming has a large impact on children, especially young children. Parents should be encouraged to control their children's television viewing, but the impact of TV on children is great enough to warrant societal influence.

Lori A. Roggman, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
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From: <KSIMMONS@Hermes.GC.PeachNet.EDU>
To: A7.A7(sness,rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 1:57pm
Subject: Children's TV programing

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I am writing to make you aware of my support for the proposed recommendation to require TV networks to make 3-5 hours of children's programing available per day. As the mother of 3 children under the age of 10, I am particularly distressed by the content of network television. The level of violence, sexually explicit visuals and language, and vulgarity on TV is increasing, and it is now commonplace during the so called "family hour" from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m.. I used to think it "safe" to let my children watch TV during the early evening hours as I completed household task or talked to my husband, but not anymore!

Before you brand me as a prude or "right-winger", I would consider myself a moderate, and I hold advanced degrees in Business and Economics (Ph.D and Masters) so I believe my opinions are not based in ignorance. While normally I favor free market approaches, American telecommunications is not a free Market, and the TV industry is already highly regulated. As a consumer, I am not entirely free to make my preferences known since cable is sold as a package, and the cable TV industry is a government regulated monopoly. Therefore, I believe it is appropriate to regulate the content of network programing, since consumer sovereignty is already limited by government.

In addition, the theory of free markets requires complete knowledge of the product so consumers can make informed choices. The movie industry rating system gives parents knowledge about the potential content, but the TV industry has no such rating system. Programs billed as "family sitcoms" often contain vulgar language, and sexual references that I consider inappropriate for young children. Since government has stripped the educational system of the right to teach a common code of behavior, we have no more standard of appropriate public behavior. Perhaps the TV producers believe they are producing shows appropriate for children. Without delving into the "dumbing" of America (where we worship stupid and crass people as evidenced by the talk shows and the public behavior of our sports and entertainment darlings), it is entirely appropriate for government to regulate what the market is unable to self-regulate. Please vote yes to require a return to the "family" hour on TV.

Katie Simmons
4761 Sherman Allen Road
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From: Lesia Oesterreich <x1oester@exnet.iastate.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 3:30pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I strongly urge you to support the new rules to require television stations to provide a 3-5 hours of educational programming for children each week. I also ask that this programming be non-violent, educational and developmentally appropriate for children.

As a parent of a teenage and a preschooler, I am extremely concerned with the impact of television on my children. We closely supervise our children's television viewing, yet still find them coming home and talking about Power Rangers and Beverly Hills 90210. In several incidents both children have been injured by "violent" pretend play of superhero characters in child care or school settings. We are trying very hard to do our job as parents, but have discovered that we cannot do the job alone. We cannot nurture and guide our children without community and public support.

Please support meaningful implementation of the CTA with your vote.

Sincerely,

Lesia Oesterreich
1801 Coolidge
Ames Iowa 50010

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To: A7.A7(rchong,sness)
Date: 7/5/95 3:57pm
Subject: vote for Children's Television

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=14Form: Announcement
=14Announcement: Dear Commissioners,
As an early interventionist, I care about the future of our young =
children. I am writing to request your support for the Children's =
Television Act. It is crucial that we mandate a minimum of 3-5 hours a =
week for educational shows for children. For some children, television =
is the only stimulation and learning they receive. It is important we =
support a positive education for our young children. Please vote for the =
implementation of the Children's Television Act so we can provide a =
better future for these children.

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From: Cecelia Benelli <benellic@ccmail.wiu.bgu.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/5/95 12:12pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

As someone who has worked with young children and their families for over 20 years, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am pleased that the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for children. The Children's Television Act is not working under the current rules. Quantitative guidelines are needed.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children. Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation the positive potential of television for children will remain unrealized. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all children will benefit.

Sincerely,
Cecelia Benelli
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Bushnell, IL 61422

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Date: 7/5/95 12:08pm
Subject: VOTE for Children's TV

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Sincerely,

Richard Byrne

3419 St. Louis Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55416

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From: Shoemaker, Cathy <cbs1@NCHRTA.EM.CDC.GOV>
To: 'Rachelle Chong' <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/5/95 10:50am
Subject: educational programming

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Sincerely,
Catherine Shoemaker
1 Chatham Ln.
Chapel Hill, NC

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Date: 7/5/95 10:15am

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Dear Commissioners Ness and Chong,

I support the pending proposal that would require television stations to provide 3-5 hours per week of educational programming for children. While I am generally opposed to more governmental regulations on the private sector, I feel that this is too important an area with too vulnerable a population for this proposal not to pass. I hope that you will give strong consideration to voting for it. Thank you for your time. Jim Deal, 15 S. Woodcrest Drive, Fargo, ND, 58102

Jim Deal, CDFS at NDSU | "From there to here, from here to there,
Fargo, ND 701-231-7568 | Funny things are everywhere" Dr. Seuss

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From: Katherine Y. Hanley, M.A. <KYHANE1@UKCC.uky.edu>
To: Commissioner Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/5/95 9:19am
Subject: Support of mandatory educational programming

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Dear Ms. Chong - I am forwarding this message to you since its message is meant to be read by as many relevant people as possible. Thank you.

-----Original message-----

Dear Ms. Ness-

As a concerned parent who deplores the amount of violence, sex, and derogatory stereotypes presented on TV aimed at our children every day, I am writing in support of the proposals to strengthen the Children's Television Act. I understand these proposals include provisions for clearer definitions of children's educational programming, and require stations to provide a minimum of 3-5 hours per week of such programming. I hope that you both see the need for these kind of regulations, and believe in the potential for quality television programming that was originally envisioned in the Children's Television Act. Please give your support to these proposals. If you cannot, please respond to me as to your reasons. My e-mail address is listed above, and my home address is listed below:

Katherine Hanley
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CC: Children Now <children@dnai.com>

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Date: 7/5/95 9:16am
Subject: children's television act

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Dear Commissioner Rachelle Chong,

Not everyone has access to cable. I live in a rural area 15 miles SE of Athens and can get only a local independant channel from Athens, a PBS channel- a FOX channel- and a ABC channel from Atlanta. A day off from work on the 4th made me aware of the slease programming choking the airways. Please keep supporting PBS. Please put teeth in the children's television act, ENFORCE IT PROPERLY. I grew up with TV in a different age, when newsreels filled the extra time slots. Illness and a year quarintined forced me to become a couch potato in second grade. Given the chance, I would still be. I exercised strict control of the TV set when my kids were growing up. PBS was wonderful for them. I realize that many folks do not have the opportunity to stay home with their kids and control their TV viewing. I am still in mourning over the loss of the Atlanta CBS channel. I cannot get 46. FOX and the local Athens station are overwhelmingly choked with trash and are not watched. That leaves PBS and ABC. Because of ABC's location on the dial (channel 2) it is very vulnerable to weather interferences. As educated people, my husband and I read more history books now. But as an old couch potato, I am not happy with what is currently available to me on TV.

Very sincerely,

Mary Sue Brewer

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