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From: <Blitzjim@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 5:30pm
Subject: Childrens' TV rulemaking

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I was very excited to hear your recent announcement about establishing an e-mail address for comments in the childrens' television proceeding. In my role as Chair of the FCBA's committee on Access to FCC Records, I have supported the idea of allowing the public (and the bar) to file and review FCC documents electronically, and this seems to be a substantial step in that direction.

What about taking another step in that direction by having the e-mail comments that you receive made available on the internet for everyone to read? (Hard copies of the comments should, or course, also be kept in the FCC's Public Reference Room for those not fortunate enough to have internet access). It would be a simple, but effective step to improve access to FCC records.

Thank you.

Jim Blitz

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From: Sean Lang <AXSDL@asuvm.inre.asu.edu>
To: Rachel <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 7/3/95 5:17pm
Subject: educational requirements for tv and radio

Rachel I support the requirement that all tv & radio stations provide at least 3-5 hours each week towards educational programming. Sean Lang, Senior @ ASU Tempe, AZ. 1342 S. Sunset Dr. #15 tempe, AZ. 85281 (602) 966-5367.

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From: JBH <jubee@halcyon.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 5:17pm
Subject: children's educational TV

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, 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.

It took parents groups over twenty years to pass the Children's Television Act, yet now, without these "quantitative" guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

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

Sincerely,

Judy Handy
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***** Tschuess from the Northwest..... Judy (jubee@halcyon.com.) *****

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From: Kathy Bolland <kbolland@bamaed.ua.edu>
To: A7.A7(sness,rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 4:10pm
Subject: Please DO NOT force children's ed programming

I've just received listserv postings from two different listservs, both posted by Children Now. These posts provide factoids and ask readers to support the new guidelines for the Children's Television Act.

From what I can tell from a brief reading of the posting, I do NOT support the new guidelines. I am the parent of an almost-14 year old. I do not especially approve of violence, sexuality, and stereotypes on TV everyday. Nor do I approve of children's indiscriminate viewing of TV programs. Nor do I think the federal government needs to tell me what my child should watch or what the networks should provide. Nor do I think the best way for the federal government to improve public education is to horse around with television.

If there are regulations, I would prefer them to be honest. Please let us not require something called educational TV and then allow sitcoms and cartoons developed for entertainment to be classified as educational. If we have to regulate, I'd prefer to see honest, brief descriptions of shows so I can decide before watching whether I want to watch it or allow my child to--at least to be able to make an educated guess. That's enough regulation for me. As for children whose parents are unable or unwilling to be home with them and to exercise some monitoring, well, that may well be a problem, but the solution is not in becoming a police state instead of a welfare state!

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From: Rod Beaumont <tp_rod@sizzle.yavapai.cc.az.us>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 7/3/95 3:05pm
Subject: Increase Childrens Educational TV

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