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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this because of my concern over the violence on TV. It has gotten so bad that we no longer watch TV like we used to. We either turn it off or turn it to educational stations.

Something needs to be done!  
There is too much!

Sincerely,  
Lee Vincent

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From [unclear]  
To whom it may concern

I am a mother of three,  
and very concerned about the  
violence and sex shown on T.V.  
I would greatly appreciate your  
effort to show more family  
oriented shows, for the  
sake of our future generation.

Thank you,

Lane Bruce

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Being a concerned parent I would appreciate you being aware of your television programming. I would rather see more educational programs rather than the violent programs. Thank you.

Stacie K. Edman

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Natl. Coalition of TV Violence,

Dear Sir, Madam,

Our entire society is suffering  
so much because of violence.

Please help by making TV less  
violent, better yet, with no violence  
in our homes. I would appreciate  
more wholesome programs that  
encourage morality in our lives

Thanks,

Sandra Carroll

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To whom it may concern,

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I am the mother of three and a half young children and am becoming increasingly concerned with the violence that is so prominent on T.V. I'm sure I speak for many concerned mothers when I say that we want more educational shows including those that teach good morals + values and things we can discuss as a family. I, and parents like me would appreciate any cooperation in an effort to make television more suitable for the whole family to watch.

Sincerely,  
Shauna Nelson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
National Coalition on Television Violence  
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It is very discouraging to try and find appropriate programs for my children to watch. I would like to see more educational programming rather than more sitcoms that "solve all the problems in just 1/2 hour."

I limit my childrens television watching but I wish there were more appropriate options for the time I do allow television.

Linda J Call

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

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I am taking this opportunity  
to voice my opinion  
TV Shows

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In this country we have  
enough fighting just naturally.  
Now we have it in our living  
rooms every day. Mervyn Doolittle  
Ricky Lake, Jerry Springer etc.  
Not only promotes anger but  
also promotes homo sexuality.

These TV shows should not  
be allowed especially on day  
time, maybe 1 or 2 AM but  
not in the day or evening.  
They are disgusting. Freaky  
looking people, homosexuals,  
angry, cussing people? Should  
be taken off the air.

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To Whom It May Concern

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As a mother of young children, I wish to express my concern that there is way too much violence on television. We can't expect the problems of the world to just "go away" if we continually expose their young minds to evil & violence.

If we want a better tomorrow for our children & our children's children we need to offer more educational & wholesome programs for our viewing.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you.

Jennifer Fuji  
docket # 93-48

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National Coalition  
of Television Violence

To Whom it May Concern;

There is far too much violence on public TV, and it certainly has no place in our homes for our children and grand children to watch. Please don't say, "turn it off" or "change the channel", this television is not appropriate for any mind to observe - please give us more educational programs for our minds and emotions. Our families are important enough to warrant good, clean, educational television.

Thank You,

Anna R. West  
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Please Stop Airing programs

Before 9:00 with Adult themes

WE NEED true Family shows

that depict strong moral people

that children can look up to.

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*Sincerely,*  
*Joan Fitzpatrick*

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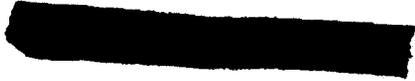
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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Secretary:

My letter is to voice opposition to the "Notice of Proposed Rule Making" which would considerably tighten rules implementing the Children's Television Act, possibly setting numerical "quotas" for educational and informational children's programming. [Docket Number - MM Docket No. 93-48.] Following are the basic reasons for my opposition.

- 1) The current FCC Rules and The Children's Television Act are working now. New rules are unnecessary.
- 2) Broadcasters have, themselves, added significant "educational and informational children's programming" showing a clear understanding of the current definition.
- 3) Making rules which quantify the amount of required programming are unnecessary because broadcasters are already responding to the Children's Television Act without the quantified obligation.
- 4) Quantification can set maximum as well as minimum obligations.

Thank you for giving this matter consideration. We are working to make it better.

Sincerely,

Gary Sotir  
Vice President  
General Manager

cc: Chairman Reed Hundt  
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Commissioner Andrew Barrett  
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To: FCC  
In Re: MM Docket 93-48

**As a parent, I feel that it is my responsibility, not the government's or other agency's to to supervise my child's television viewing habits, and feel that other parents should share the same responsibility.**

**Therefore, I see no need for mandating childrens' television programming by a source outside the family. As an adult, I enjoy the wide variety of programming currently available, and am responsible when choosing which programs my child watches.**

**Michael Powell  
Lucasville, OH**

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M St. NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 93-48.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a local television station operating in the Raleigh-Durham market, we wanted to take a moment to respond to your notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding the Children's Television Act.

We oppose the concept of a quantitative standard which would set numerical goals for educational and informational children's programming. We feel that this action is unnecessary. According to the results of a recent NAB survey, broadcasters have "significantly increased children's educational and informational programming in response to the Children's Television Act."

In addition, our station spends time and money investing in locally produced children's programs. We currently produce and air a weekly half hour entitled "Sparks", we produce and air a monthly program entitled "Androgena", and we produce weekly "Kid's News" segments. Both "Sparks" and "Androgena" have been nominated for and/or won the national Iris award and numerous Emmy awards.

We totally agree that the Commission should encourage stations to meet a reasonable and necessary obligation to children's programming. Each station should be judged by its response to the Act, and special consideration should be given to local program development. However, we feel that reducing the obligation to some numerical goal or quota will simply frustrate the intent of the act. Instead of worrying about numerical goals, we feel our concern should be to provide quality programming that effectively contributes to the cognitive, intellectual and emotional development of the child audience.

Sincerely,



Tom Allen  
Station Manager

cc: Chairman Reed Hundt  
Commissioner James Quello  
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**To:** A16.A16(kidstv)  
**Date:** 10/18/95 4:49pm  
**Subject:** Docket # 93-48

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Dear FCC:

As the Vice-President of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE/POLICE OFFICERS and a PARENT I would like to see the following minimum standards met as they relate to children's programming:

\* A minimum of one hour "Core" educational programming daily.

\* At least thirty minutes in length

\* regularly scheduled

\* Aired between 7AM and 11PM.

Please consider our future, OUR YOUTH. Together we may be able to "stop the violence".....

Thank you

Curtis S. Lavarello  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
The Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

We at Georgians for Children are writing to urge you to strengthen the guidelines for the Children's Television Act, docket MM No. 93-48. Georgians for Children is a statewide child advocacy organization. Our request is on behalf of our members, our board of directors, our staff, and other organizations that work with us.

Broadcast television can play an unprecedented role in nourishing the minds of our children. In the Commission's own words: "There are many imaginative and exciting ways in which the medium can be used to further a child's understanding of a wide range of areas: history, science, literature, the environment, drama, music, fine arts, human relations, other cultures and languages, and basic skills such as reading and mathematics which are crucial to a child's development." (1974 FCC Policy Statement)

We know that broadcasters have the talent to create children's shows that are as educational as they are entertaining. Yet, today's children have greater access to sensationalist talk shows, violent cartoons, and adult sitcoms than they do to programming designed to enrich their minds.

The FCC needs to strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act by establishing real policies designed to safeguard the interests of our children. **These should include a clearer definition of "educational" programming and a requirement that television stations air at least one hour a day of 30-minute educational shows between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in regularly scheduled time slots.**

No other regulatory body can make this happen. Please . . . our children are counting on you.

Very truly yours,

Marti Keller  
Executive Director

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From: lindawms@sdcoe.k12.ca.us <lindawms@sdcoe.k12.ca.us>  
To: A16.A16(kidstv)  
Date: 10/17/95 1:57am  
Subject: Children's Television Programming input

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TO: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary  
RE: MM Docket 93-48; comments about Children's TV shows  
DATE: 10-16-95

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To whom it may concern:

As a parent, and as a teacher, I would like to share with you some of my =20 thoughts about violence in TV programs seen by children. I am sending you=  
=20 the lyrics of a song I wrote to convey those ideas to children and parents,=  
=20 and to serve as a springboard for discussion. I offer them for your=20 consideration, and thank you sincerely for the opportunity to do so!

Linda K. Williams, 4967 Alfred Court, San Diego, CA 92120,(619) 583-8454=20 e-mail address:  
lindawms@sdcoe.k12.ca.us

REAL LIFE DOESN'T HAVE A REWIND BUTTON

CHORUS

Real life doesn't have a rewind button;  
You can't go back and erase what you have done.  
A moment that you're weak can take a lifetime to pay for.  
Think before you act; you'll be so glad you did.  
Forever is a long, long time;  
Forever is a long, long time.

(1)

Well, cartoons and stooges make it seem like=20  
The quickest and easiest way  
To settle an argument---get what you want---  
Is to ZAP the other guy---biff, bam, pow!  
But life is not a TV show;  
No, life is not a TV show.

CHORUS

(2)

Well, in real life it doesn't pay to be  
A stooge or a cartoon "hero"!  
Use brains, not brawn; use words---work it out;  
'Cause real violence really hurts.  
Life is not a TV show;  
No, life is not a TV show.

CHORUS

(3)

Taking chances with your very own life=20  
Works the same; we're not bionic!  
Don't let drugs or foolish stunts  
Blow your one shot at the life you've got.  
Life is not a TV show;  
No, life is not a TV show.

CHORUS (Repeat last line--- "Forever is a long, long time!"--- and fade) =  
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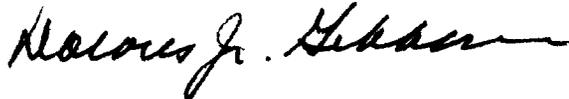


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teacher who collapsed and died. Who is responsible? I believe TV programs depicting violence, scorn for authority and irresponsible behavior share in the blame.

I urge you to move boldly to help us create positive entertainment for children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolores J. Gibbons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dolores J. Gibbons, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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c: Board of Education, Mount Vernon School District



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Commissioner Andrew Barrett  
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RE: The Notice of Proposed Rule Making in regards to the Children's Television Act  
MM Docket No. 93-48

Dear Commissioner Andrew Barrett:

Cornerstone TeleVision (WPCB-TV 40 Pittsburgh, PA; WKBS-TV 47 Altoona, PA; WOCD-TV 55 Amsterdam, NY) has 24 hours of inspirational and family programming. We commend you for the recognition of the importance of children's television programming. Even before the Children's Television Act we promoted the importance of quality programming for children. While we understand that your intentions are to improve children's programming with newly proposed rules and "quotas," we feel that these measures are unnecessary for the following reasons:

The Children's Television Act has already achieved its goal of improving children's television programming. We, as a Broadcaster, believe we clearly understand the current definition of "educational and informational children's programming," and no change is needed. We call your attention to the fact that there has already been a significant increase in children's educational and informational programming in response to the Children's Television Act. In addition, as regards quantification, we see a potential danger of setting a minimum standard. Television is a medium that encourages maximum effort to ensure attentive response from viewers. We enjoy a natural environment of healthy competition. Creativity in children's programming could become stifled by quotas that potentially set standards that reduce quality

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instead of improving it. We are convinced that rules with quantitative guidelines are unnecessary.

Finally, we would like to call your attention to the success of children's short segment programming which is recognized as important to children. Credit is due to Broadcasters for already incorporating this type of programming.

We offer the above opinions for the express purpose of causing you to reconsider the proposed changes in tightening the rules of the Children's Television Act. We believe the Act is currently fulfilling its original intention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Skeba", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**David Skeba**  
**Vice President/Director of Programming**

DS/jb