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Commissioner FCC  
Rachelle Chang

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Dear Rachelle:

Please vote to improve children's television to set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically designed educational and informational programming on all TV stations. Refuse its definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permitted stations to cite *The Jetsons* and *Flintstones* on their license renewal applications. Currently standards-length, regularly scheduled educational programs as meeting a state's "core" programming obligations under the Act and exclude programs aired before 7 AM or after 10 PM from counting toward the "core" requirement. Please help to wipe out violence on children's programs.

Sincerely,  
Mary Emma Martin  
Friendly Neighbors Town & Club

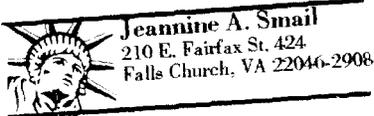
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

For some time, I have deplored the low quality of TV viewing. In spite of all the channels available, I find myself restricted mostly to channels 22, 26, and 32 because of the violence, sexual perversion, and profanities offered by most programs. There seems to be absolutely no restraint.

I am especially concerned that many children — our future leaders — are viewing such trash. We are going to become a nation of mindless savages!!

Please, do what you possibly can to correct this impossible situation.

Sincerely,  
Jeannine A. Smail

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Honorable Rachelle Chong  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

Dear Commissioner Chong:

Chairman Hundt asked (in *Broadcasting & Cable* magazine) that broadcasters write you concerning the children's educational television rule making. This is such a letter.

It appears from a perusal of this weeks program listing for all the stations in Macon (123rd market) that children are being well served by the television stations here.

There is a total of 78 hours of children's programming scheduled during the week in time periods when children can be expected to be watching. While I am not able to analyze each program and its educational benefit for children, I am sure that a significant portion of this programming is educational in nature. I probably need to state that this is for only the commercial stations serving this market - it does not include the educational stations nor any cable channels which can be received by the children in Macon. Of course part of the mission of PBS is to serve the children of their communities. In addition, the Macon market cable penetration is 66% and there are many programs available to the children of this area from those services.

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MULTIMEDIA, INC.

Requiring each individual station to air a set amount of any kind of programming runs contrary to the Constitution of the United States. I cannot believe that Macon is atypical. Therefore, it appears to me that the children of America are being well served by their television stations without additional regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

DM/dph

c: All Commissioners

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Dear Commission & Mr. Canton

My name Eric Lawrence, and I am a 30 year old single American male. I am the father of one special and soon to be 8 year old girl. Her birthday is Oct 20th. It's from this place of mind or heart that I write to you. I think of my 8 year old and the country we've built for her and all the other children to grow up in. I think back to 1973 and my days as an 8 year old in Mt. Olive, NC. I realize that there is a marked difference in 1973 & 1995. When I was 8, things in the country were liberal, but there were lines and limits, there was right and wrong; there were American values that were built around systems and ideology that weren't perfect but that worked for the most part. They also kept most things in line for the most part. There was such a thing as decency and endecency. It troubles my heart to see so much of this gone along with the lines and bandages. I wonder what my daughter, her friends, and all other American youth are coming to know as normal behavior in their minds. I see the results of growing up these days with the attitude as "the norm". I see it on the news, in my community, and in my job. I am a police officer in South Florida, one of the worst places in the country as far as the effects of today's societal living and exposures. I come in contact everyday with people especially the youth where I see a direct correlation between what they're exposed to and the fruits of their lives; see

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often it's bad fruit and not by my standards per se but by the lack of happiness and so much emptiness in their lives.

I am requesting your assistance in helping to reestablish moral decency in America, to replace the influences that seek to undermine what America and family are all about. If we are to survive as a nation and enjoy the benefits of liberty and prosperity we cannot allow certain influences to proliferate. I am asking and pleading that we not renew the radio license of WBSG FM 105.9 out of Miami or WTKS FM 104.1 out of Orlando. Radio program host Howard Stern has been for years at the center of much controversy, and I feel that the public airwaves would serve better without Mr. Stern. The sexually explicit material that Mr. Stern broadcasts is just not in the best interests of our families, our youth, and our nation. I'm sure as you know, Stern's employing radio station agreed to pay the largest <sup>SETTLEMENT</sup> ever, \$1.715 million to resolve over 100 claims of indecency, to the federal government. The stations continue to carry Stern's shows, so it appears as though they're not only condoning it but advocating it. This just does not operate in the public's best interest. My feelings are the same about Neil Rogers of WIOD AM 610 out of Miami. Mr. Rogers' shows centered around sex with teenage boys just can't be permitted by Americans who care. Please do not allow our public airwaves to be used by stations who somehow find it logical or ok to contribute to the destruction of the very nation that they and their loved ones must live in. In the interest of our Creator, God and this great nation

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~~Let~~ let's band together and commit to ~~its~~ survival  
and flourishing. Thanks for your time, hope the  
letter wasn't too long. ~~God~~ God Bless, and  
have a good day!

← (THIS NATION)



ERIC LAWRENCE

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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As a mother of a three-year old I am extremely concerned about the content of television programming. "The Jetsons," "G.I. Joe" and "The Flintstone's" are not educational programming. One station has evidently submitted "Beverly Hills 90210" as "educational." Please consider the proposal that would require every television station in the country to provide 3-5 hours a week of educational programming for children. Such a requirement is necessary because stations have shown no evidence of being willing to provide even this minimum amount of educational programming voluntarily. Support the "quantitative guideline" to enforce the Children's Television Act.

Sincerely,

Traci Guynup  
10028 Oakton Terrace Rd.  
Oakton, VA 22124

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Forwarded message:

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--WLO GETTING NOTICED. Thanks to our growing numbers, we're started to get noticed. Ms. Magazine mentioned us in the "Bulletin Board" in the Sept./Oct. issue of Ms., which is better than ever, thanks to editor Marcia Ann Gillespie's redesign. We were also featured in the Sept. issue of Body Politic, which reprinted our Women's Contract With America. Those of you unfamiliar with Body Politic should check it out; our friend Anne Bower has been publishing it monthly since 1991 with a unique emphasis on abortion rights. Look for copies at feminist newsstands, as well as Barnes and Nobles and Borders. We were also mentioned in Online Access, the leading magazine for online users, where WLO member Sheri Robey works as Director of Sales & Marketing. Our thanks to all of WLO's friends. Keep spreading the word!!

--BEIJING SPEECHES ON WLO WEB PAGE. You heard about them second-hand. Now you can read Hillary Rodham Clinton's remarks for yourselves on our home page. Also read HHS Secretary Donna Shalala's remarks. Thanks to Laurie Mann and Irene Stuber.

--NEW MEDIA SEXISM DATABASE. Although racism, anti-Semitism, and homophobia is \*never\* tolerated in the "respectable" media, we \*constantly\* come across blatant sexism and feminist bashing. Although we occasionally call attention to particularly egregious examples, we find we don't have space to comment on the vast majority. Last week, a ludicrous article in the New York Times Week in Review by Barbara Crossette ("The Second Sex in the Third World") caught our attention. Writing about the Beijing conference, Crossette praised feminists from the "South," or the third world -- but attacked feminists from the "North" as doing nothing but "bicker[ing] over history and theory and the question of whether it is demeaning even to talk about women's rights separate from human rights." This propelled us to do something we'd been meaning to do for a long time -- create a Media Sexism Database. From now on, whenever we come across an example of sexism or anti-feminism, we will make an entry in the database. Over time, we hope to compile files on the major media outlets which can be used by activists to demand change. (For comparative purposes, we will also log examples of racism and homophobia.) If you come across clear examples of sexism, racism, or homophobia (or attacks on feminist, black, and gay leaders) in the "respectable" media, please drop us a note with the subject "Media Sexism."

--VICKY STEINITZ TO MONITOR WELFARE CUTS. WLO member Vicky Steinitz

(steinitz@umb.c.edu) plans to monitor the impact of the welfare cuts on recipients this year. Her focus will be Massachusetts and her approach will be to treat the cutbacks as equivalent to human rights abuses and to collect documentation of the impact of those abuses in the form of "stories." Please drop her a note if you're doing similar work or interested in helping her.

## #2 Congress

--DEFEAT SENATE WELFARE BILL The final vote on the Dole welfare bill (S.1120) is set for TUESDAY 9/19 at 2:15 p.m. The amendments that passed only partially address the serious concerns of child advocates, and do not make this legislation anything less than a total disaster for U.S children and families, says Children's Defense Fund, HN3208@handsnet.org. Food Research and Action Center, HN0050@handsnet.org, says the bill is unacceptable as it would eliminate the national nutritional safety net by allowing states to elect a food stamp block grant, would dramatically reduce nutrition assistance to hungry families by cutting nutrition programs, including food stamps and school meals programs by more than \$30 billion over seven years and would eliminate the basic guarantee of help through cash assistance for all needy eligible children by block granting AFDC and placing significant restrictions on the receipt of benefits. Email your Senators immediately to vote NO on the Dole welfare bill, or call 202/224-3121. (HandsNet 9/15)

--JUST SAY VETO CAMPAIGN LETTER. A message prepared by the Welfare Reform Network, HN0139@handsnet.org, and JEDI Women of Salt Lake City asks President Clinton to veto welfare reform legislation that ends the federal safety net through time limits, block grants, exclusions of legal immigrants and child exclusions. Email president@whitehouse.gov, call 202/456-1111, or fax 202/456-2461 during the week of Sept 18-22. (HandsNet 9/15)

--SUPPORT "DOMENICI AMENDMENT" TO SAVE LEGAL SERVICES. The Senate Commerce, Justice, and State Dept. Appropriations bill would eliminate the Legal Services Corporation and provide substantially reduced funds to states through block grants; there are also proposals to eliminate all funding. It is very possible the legal aid program serving poor people in your community would no longer exist. An amendment by Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) would restore the LSC and restore some of the funds that were cut. Coalition of Family and Children's Services, HN3957@handsnet.org, says add a paragraph about legal services as you fax Congress about child welfare, Medicaid, or the gag order.

--STOP "STEALTH" MEDICARE CUTS. Republicans plan to cut \$270 BILLION from Medicare, but they don't want anyone to know about it. Despite WEEKS of hearings on Whitewater, Waco, and Ruby Ridge, Republicans plan only ONE day of hearings on their Medicare plan, which has still not been fully disclosed, followed by a rush vote. The bill would raise premiums for low-income seniors by \$32 a month, drive providers out of the system through excessive cuts, and weaken the system financially by letting healthy seniors opt out. 200 House Democrats have signed a petition demanding at least four weeks to review the Republican plan. Fair's fair  
-- Democrats gave the GOP a year to review the Clinton health reform plan. Email your Republican Senators and Representatives.

--EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FACES MAJOR CUTS. The EITC offsets income and payroll taxes and supplement wages, raising the disposable income of working families by up to \$3,110 in tax year 1995. . It helps parents pay for child care so they can keep working. It helps low-income working families provide the basic necessities for their children, such as food, clothing and shelter. It rewards work, helps single-parent and two-parent families alike, and strengthens millions of low-income working families' ability to achieve economic independence. Call or write your Senators and Representative; urge them to vote AGAINST any cuts in the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) which helps the working poor. Contact Children Now at [children@dnai.com](mailto:children@dnai.com).

--BLOCK DOLE'S REGULATORY "REFORM.". Earlier this summer, Senate Republicans failed by a single vote to pass a bill dismantling the nation's regulatory system. Among the numerous reasons to be happy about Sen. Packwood having finally resigned is that Sen. Dole now needs to find one more vote for cloture. Chuck Robb (VA) is the Dem who is wavering the most, in fact some think he is gone already. Others to be concerned about include Kent Conrad (ND), Bob Graham (FL), Jay Rockefeller (WV), Dale Bumpers (AR), and David Pryor (AR). If you live in these states, please email your Senators and tell them not to abandon protection of the environment and the food and drug supply. Contact Public Citizen, [bschiff@essential.org](mailto:bschiff@essential.org).

--OPPOSE THE ISTOOK "SILENCE AMERICA" AMENDMENT. Children's Defense Fund, [HN3208@handsnet.org](mailto:HN3208@handsnet.org), says advocates in all states should contact their Senators and House Members immediately, and demand that they oppose the Istook "Silence America" Amendment. This bill would prohibit non-profit groups which receive federal grants -- primarily

social service agencies

-- from lobbying with their \*own\* funds. (Under current federal rules, organizations receiving federal funds are already barred from using any \*federal\* funds for lobbying). This amendment would silence those who know the most about what children need and how children's programs work at the state, county, city and community level. (HandsNet 9/15)

--URGE PRESIDENT CLINTON TO VETO MILITARY SPENDING BILLS. The House and Senate have completed work on the military authorization and appropriations bills. These bills will continue more than 80% of Cold War era annual averages, with plenty of corporate welfare for the military industry. Billions of dollars are being appropriated for F-22 fighter planes, C-17 cargo planes, ballistic missile defense, and the B-2 bombers. Urge President Clinton to veto these military spending bills (president@whitehouse.gov). Send copies to your Senators and Representative.

--URGE PRESIDENT CLINTON TO SAVE THE HEADWATERS FOREST. It is with some urgency that I ask women on line to contact President Clinton (president@whitehouse.gov) to insist that he act now to protect the Headwaters Forest Complex in northern California. This land is owned by Pacific Lumber/Maxxam and will certainly be logged if a sale or trade to the federal government cannot be negotiated in time. Citizens are urging public acquisition of this priceless forest, a last fragment of the redwood ecosystem that once spanned two million acres. The message is SAVE HEADWATERS. (Mary Walsh, Mendocino Coast Environmental Center, mcec@mcn.org)

--URGE THE FCC TO ENFORCE THE CHILDREN'S TELEVISION ACT. The Children's Television Act was passed by Congress in 1990. It requires broadcasters to provide some educational programming for kids as a condition of their license. But stations are submitting shows such as "The Jetsons," "G.I. Joe" and "The Flintstone's" as educational programming. One station even submitted "Beverly Hills 90210" as "educational." In response to citizen pressure, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering a proposal that would require every television station in the country to provide 3-5 hours a week of educational programming for children. Such a requirement is necessary because stations have shown no evidence of being willing to provide even this minimum amount of educational programming voluntarily. One key commissioner, Ms. Rachel Chong, is still undecided and is likely to cast the deciding vote on October 15. Email her at rchong@fcc.gov and tell her to support the "quantitative guideline" to enforce the Children's Television

Act, and send a copy to children@dnai.com. (Children Now)

### #3 Beijing and After

--FROM WOMEN'S WIRE

The Fourth U.N. World Conference on Women adopted a broad agenda for sexual equality, but capitulated to demands leaving implementation up to sovereign states with "various religious and ethical values." After 12 days of negotiating tradeoffs, the plenary session adopted the Beijing Declaration and "Platform of Action" aimed at boosting women's economic standing, protecting them from violence, safeguarding their health, securing sexual and reproductive rights, and enhancing empowerment.

Although the non-binding agenda was adopted by consensus, reservations were announced by 42 countries and the Vatican. Conference Secretary-General Gertrude Mongella said the delegates kept aflame a common vision and goal of equality, development and peace. "The real work of transforming words into action is only now beginning," she said. The platform affirms that reproductive rights rest on the recognition of all couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children, and to have the information and means to do so. It also calls for the elimination of gender-based violence and all forms of sexual harassment, prostitution, pornography, sexual slavery and exploitation, including violations resulting from cultural prejudice, racism, xenophobic ethnic cleansing, religious and anti-religious extremism and international trafficking in women and children.

--FROM CATT'S CLAWS #61, 9/7/95:

The BIG story in Beijing (and vicinity) ... isn't going to be in any document ... it's the networking that has developed among the thousands of STRONG women who met and saw the same gleam in each other's eyes and have the same commitment to the betterment of their sisters ... they are women leaders from grassroots level to heads-of-state to U.S. First Lady

Hillary Rodham Clinton getting to know each other ... Can you imagine the absolute power surge that hit every woman delegate when she saw that she was part of a POWERFUL GROUP OF WOMEN from every continent, of every nationality, of every race, of every hue and size and age? Do you honestly think that she is not coming home to spread the word that regardless of what the patriarchal media and the patriarchal-sanctioned governments and religions say, the fact is, boys, "The Sisterhood is alive and well and strong and getting stronger!"

Yes, the lasting result of the Women's Conference in China is that millions of women will be networked... It is ironic that China should be the scene of the largest birth in history: the baby being effective, world-wide feminist communication.

--AMERICAN WOMEN BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION CAMPAIGN. At a DC press conference on 9/6, feminist leaders called on the U.S. government

to commit to economic justice for American women. Speakers included Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, author of the Fair Pay Act; Susan Bianchi-Sand, executive director of the National Committee on Pay Equity and Chair of the Council of Presidents; Heidi Hartmann, President and Director of the Institute for Women's Policy Research; Anne Bryant, Executive Director of the American Assoc. of University Women; Joy Simonson of the Older Women's League; Mim Kelber, co-founder of the Women's Environment & Development Organization (WEDO), which spearheaded NGO efforts in Beijing; Gloria Steinem; Ann Delorey of Church Women United; Joyce Miller, past president of the Coalition of Labor Union Women; Ruth Nadel of the Clearinghouse on Women's Issues; Elizabeth Tsehai of the U.S. Network for Women; Norma Tucker of Jewish Women International; Donna Allen of the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press; Micheline Kennedy Carter of the Center for Policy Alternatives; Patricia Reuss of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund; Anne Zill of WEDO Washington; Eliza Sanchez, President of MANA, a National Latina Organization; Martha Burk, President of the Center for Advancement of Public Policy; and Jeanette Hawkins, a 41-year old African American working mother who has been locked out of her job at A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. for the past two years, along with 720 other striking workers.

#### #4 Women and Society

--TEEN MOMS, ADULT DADS: According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 51% of births to girls aged 15-17 were fathered by men aged 20 years and older. In an 8/14/95 article in U.S. News & World Report, Mike Males argues that teenage girls have become scapegoats for what are really adult problems. The justice system is often reluctant to invoke statutory rape laws to protect young girls and the failure of policymakers to recognize the role of adult men in teen pregnancies raises questions about the efficacy of teen prevention programs. Posted by ABA Juvenile Justice Center, HN3377@handsnet.org. (HandsNet 9/8)

--FROM CATT'S CLAWS #64, 9/14/95  
Police say Laura Whitson's estranged husband David Whitson tracked her down when she fled to Scotts Mills, Oregon, and then shot and killed her and their children at the home of Laura's mother. He was angry over a restraining order against him and a pending divorce. Whitson, 35, of Seattle was charged with four counts of murder. The town is

collecting money for the burial of the four women, Laura, and her three daughters 6 months, 3, and 6. The baby was shot while in the arms of her grandmother who was wounded in the arm when she tried to protect her granddaughter.

This is another case where a man had threatened his wife and children and was allowed to walk free to actually commit the murders.

If a man threatens to kill the President of the United States, a U.S.

Senator, a mayor, or the bartender on the corner, he is arrested.

If a man threatens to kill his wife (or woman friend), nothing seems to happen unless he actually kills her and then everyone in officialdom wrings their hands.

What the holy hell is the matter with our legal system?

By the way, a note to the Postmaster at Scotts Mills, OR 97375, containing a dollar or more will help pay for the burial of the murdered woman and her three daughters.

--JUSTICE DEPT. SURVEY DOCUMENTS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. An expanded survey by the Justice Dept. found the following:

-Nearly 1 million women are assaulted by intimates each year

-Intimates and relatives commit 38% of violent crimes against women; acquaintances commit 40%; and strangers commit 23%.

-The most likely victims are women 19-29 in families with incomes under \$10,000.

-Women are six times more likely to suffer violence from an intimate than men (believe it or not there are people who argue that men are attacked by intimates more often than women.)

Congress, meanwhile, wants to cut funds for the Violence Against Women Act.

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From: Michael J. Cykana <mjcykana@metronet.com>  
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Subject: Strengthening the Children's Television Act

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As a father with three children who cares about their future , 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. Personally, I believe every broadcast and cable station should be required to provide 2 hours per day of children's educational programming. I urge you to support this minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

The Children's Television Act was passed by Congress in 1990. It requires broadcasters to provide some educational programming for kids as a condition of their license. The intended goal of the Act was to significantly increase the amount of children's educational programming on commercial broadcast television.

Now fully five years later as I peruse the latest issue of the television guide supplement to the Fort-Worth Star Telegram, I find that the children of Fort-Worth and Dallas are offered exactly one hour of educational programming per week. One half hour on Saturday in the form of Beakman's World which teaches science on CBS channel 11 and one half hour, again on Saturday on WB channel 33 which offers Carmen San Diego teaching geography.

This is one hour for 11 broadcast stations in the Dallas-Fort-Worth area offering over 1309 hours of broadcast time in the time slot from six in the morning to eleven in the evening. Thus, educational children's programming represents less than one one-thousandth of the time broadcasters air programs in the 6AM to 11PM time slot each week.

When I mentioned to my children that television stations are submitting shows such as "The Jetsons," "G.I. Joe" and "The Flintstone's" as educational programming, they immediately recognized the absurdity of these programs being submitted as educational programming. Now when my children, who are 6, 11, and 16, know the difference between entertainment and educational broadcasting, it strains all credibility that broadcasters are

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making serious efforts to provide educational programming for our children.

It took parents groups over twenty years to pass the Children's Television

Act, yet now, without "quantitative" guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

Broadcasters have been given the right to broadcast by the American people through our government. Along with this right come responsibilities and obligations to the American people. As commissioner of the FCC you have been entrusted by the American people to ensure that broadcasters meet these responsibilities and obligations. The minimal responsibility is to adhere to the spirit and intent of the laws that have been past by our Congress.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children.

The record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for kids will remain unfulfilled. As one of those Americans who has entrusted you to enforce broadcasters responsibilities and obligations, I urge you to vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all of our children will benefit.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Cykana

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The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: PR Docket No. 93-61

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge the Commission to reconsider and revise regulations it has adopted for Location and Monitoring Services (LMS) systems to ensure that widespread access to Part 15 services remain reliable and affordable.

In adopting the new regulations, the Commission has attempted to, in effect, fit a round peg -- LMS -- into a square hole -- shared spectrum in the 902 - 928 MHz band. Some of the LMS systems use a fragile technology that is not a good spectrum sharer. Some are sensitive to interference from, others can cause interference to Part 15 services. By allowing LMS in the 902 - 928 MHz band, the Commission is jeopardizing some of the Part 15 services using outdoor antennas above 5 meters serving such areas as health care, education, energy conservation, disability and public safety. Part 15 wide area networks can provide affordable, high-speed access to the Internet through wireless modems. Part 15 services can also help achieve the Clinton Administration's goal of connecting every classroom and library to the NII by the year 2000 without expensive rewiring.

Petitions for Reconsideration filed by the Part 15 Coalition, Metricom, Inc., the Connectivity for Learning Coalition and many others detail many significant problems with the new regulations which can impair or eliminate many services. These problems include height restrictions, wideband forward links, interconnection with the local telephone network, and others. These problems must be corrected.

The Part 15 industry has grown as a direct result of the Commission's decision to encourage unlicensed low-power services in the 902 - 928 MHz band. Now, just as we are beginning to realize the full benefits of Part 15 services, the Commission has adopted new regulations that may threaten their reliability and affordability in broad cases. I |

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urge the Commission to carefully reconsider the regulations it has adopted and change them to ensure that the full potential promise of Part 15 services is fulfilled.

Sincerely,

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cc: Commissioner James Quello  
Commissioner Andrew Barrett  
Commissioner Susan Ness  
Commissioner Rachelle Chong

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To: Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
Date: 9/5/95 10:53am  
Subject: Kidvid and Mr. Minow

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Commissioner Chong:

I thought you might be interested in the draft of a column that appears in today's CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.  
Best,  
Jerry M. Landay

Kidvid, Minow, and the First Amendment for THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR by Jerry M. Landay  
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The commercial television industry is reading the constitutional rights to parents and critics across the land. It's telling them in no uncertain terms that the Founding Fathers gave the industry the right to transmit whatever it pleases to America's young.

Broadcasters have raised their Constitutional shield against public discontent over the fouling of the airwaves -- discontent that has tripped flares on Capitol Hill. A Congress ever artful in appeasing broadcasters while indulging their critics is being forced to do something. It seems certain to append to its final overhaul of the telecommunications law a requirement that setmakers install v-chips in new TVs.

Someone -- no one quite knows who or how -- is supposed to create the ratings system that will let parents activate the chip and zap programs they don't want their children to watch. Several zealous Senators are trying to ban violent programs from airing in times in which children watch, and to fund a quarterly "report card" that would cite offending stations and sponsors.

Whipping out the Bill of Rights, the president of the ABC TV network, David Westin, says that all of this raises "substantial constitutional problems regarding the First Amendment, which protects us from government intrusion in free speech." The National Association of Broadcasters calls it "piling on" to build "an unprecedented federal censorship bureaucracy."

"The national nanny is on the loose," cries the loyalist trade paper Broadcasting/Cablecasting. The legislation is "the most dangerous threat to freedom of speech yet devised by a Congress that is constitutionally constrained not to pass any law abridging such freedom."

Citizens, for whom the right was enshrined, recall that the intent of the Founders in promulgating the First Amendment had absolutely nothing to do with the sanctioning of economic interests to engage in the exploitation and social conditioning of the young. It dealt with monumental matters such as political expression and freedom of worship -- citizen rights to assemble and speak out in safe space, be critical of government policy, trade freely in the currency of ideas.

Furthermore, citizens recall that freedom of speech is not absolute -- least of all when it presents "a clear and present danger" to others -- the young, for instance? You can't foment treason. You can't defame people. You CAN boo, but you can't shout "fire" in a crowded theatre.

Political speech carries privilege that commercial speech does NOT. You can't publish pharmaceutical ads that make deceptive claims. You can't take liberties with "tombstone ads" that offer securities to the investing public. You can't put cigarette ads on the air, because, the courts ruled in 1971, that in balancing free speech against the public good, Congress had a rational basis for its ban. Public ownership of the airwaves gave government reasonable power to regulate electronic messages because radio and television advertising possesses characteristics that give it undue influence, especially over the young.

Only last month, in an opinion written by conservative James Buckley, the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia, for precisely the same reason, found that "the government has a compelling interest in protecting children under 18 from exposure to indecent broadcasts" between 6 am and 10 pm.

Lay citizens troubled with the deformation of the Bill of Rights by commercial kidvid producers have a learned ally in Newton N. Minow -- "the other Newt" currently on American book lists. Mr. Minow is a senior partner in a prestigious Chicago law firm. He is the former chairman of Federal Communications Commission who back in 1961 failed to shame broadcasters with his "Vast Wasteland" speech. Now he has framed his concerns in an important book, ABANDONED IN THE WASTELAND: CHILDREN, TELEVISION, AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT (Hill and Wang).

Minow reveals to readers that the words he most wanted Americans to remember in that speech were not "vast wasteland" but "public interest," which broadcasters vow to serve when they receive a license to operate on a public frequency. In a master flip of an Orwellian omelet, the industry has succeeded in planted the myth that the public interest is anything that serves the corporate interest, without regard to what we used to call civic responsibility.

Minow passionately demurs: "The public interest meant and still means that we should constantly ask: What can television do for our country, for the common good, for the American people?" If we can't figure out how the public-interest standard relates to children, the youngest of whom are illiterate, all of whom are "financially, emotionally, even physically dependent on adults, then we will never figure out what it means anywhere else."

Flipping the omelet again, industry lawyers and right radical think-tankers have transformed the free-speech principle into the freedom to profit at any price. As they construe it, efforts to make broadcasters serve the public interest are in effect violations of their right to free expression. Minow cites examples in which the industry has used the hallowed free-speech right to GAG free speech. In November 1992, Peter Chrisanthopoulos, president of a network front organization called the National Television Association hectoring sponsors of TV Turnoff Day: "Participating in national boycotts is an infringement on the networks' First Amendment rights."

I visited with Minow, and asked him a lawyerly "theoretical:" how Thomas Jefferson, an author of the Bill of Rights, might have

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responded to that.

"Had he lived in the time of TV," Minow said, "he would have insisted that it treat public issues in a balanced way. Our protection of children, our dedication to free speech, and to a free market have gotten out of balance. He would have wanted the industry to redress that balance in favor of ALL citizens, but especially young citizens."

Jefferson founded our first public university, the University of Virginia, demonstrating at the start the linkage of the First Amendment TO the public interest. Serving the interest of the young is organic to the American future. Minow reminds a listener what the late Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart said to petitioners: "You are all confused about what you may have a right to do under the Constitution, and the right thing to do."

The Buckley decision on indecency, children, and television is headed for the Supreme Court. In a major test, the justices will have the chance to re-sanctify a hallowed right intended for citizens, not runaway commerce, while underscoring the civic responsibilities in its exercise to which the Founders tied it.

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
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Dear Commissioner Chong;

As a representative of our local Hollis Family and Community Education (FCE) group, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules that will require television stations to air a specific amount of programming, educational in nature, for children each week.

We know the commission is considering new rules to enforce the Children's Television Act. We believe a minimum of 3-5 hours for educational TV suitable for children is a must in order to stop the frustration felt by all who worked to pass the Act. The pace to comply by the broadcasters has been very slow.

There is an invaluable resource for children within the industry and to delay implementing regulations deprives our children of substantive and meaningful programming when a change as we have indicated would be so beneficial.

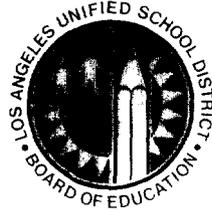
Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

*M. Virginia Gemmill*

M. Virginia Gemmill, Chairman, Hollis Day Group

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**MARK SLAVKIN**  
Board Member  
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September 26, 1995

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

Dear Commissioner Chong:

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering several proposals that would strengthen the Children's Television Act (CTA). I strongly support proposals that would require broadcasters to air a specific number of hours of educational TV per week, and that revise the definition of educational programming.

I am outraged to learn that commercial broadcast stations are currently airing such shows as "G.I. Joe" and "The Jetsons" as "educational" programming in order to comply with the CTA. I feel that in order to prevent stations from sidestepping the CTA in the future, the definition of educational programming needs to be revised and substantially narrowed.

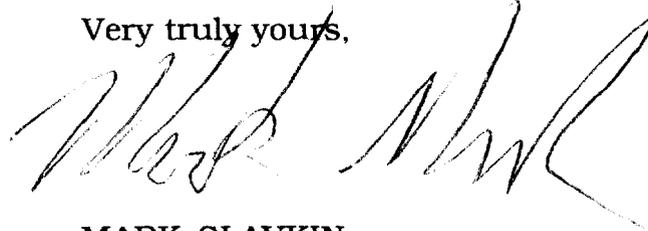
Revising the definition of educational programming, however, is of little value if stations are not obligated to broadcast a minimum number of hours per week of educational shows. We know from past experience that absent a specific guideline, broadcasters will ignore quality programming for children. I therefore urge you to implement a programming standard that would require stations to air a minimum of 3-5 hours per week of educational shows for kids.

By the age of 18, young people have already watched over 23,000 hours of television, thousands more hours than have been spent in the classroom. In order to ensure that a least a portion of these 23,000 hours are spent watching educational programming, it is essential that the FCC adopt rules requiring stations to air a quantitative weekly minimum of educational

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programming that youths can learn and benefit from. Without such rules in broadcasting, the airwaves will continue to be saturated with programming that does little to prepare our youths for the many academic challenges before them.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Slavkin', written in a cursive style.

**MARK SLAVKIN**  
President  
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An Open Letter to the Commissioners  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners Quello, Barrett, Ness and Chong:

Happy Children's Television Day!

As you weigh proposals to strengthen the Children's Television Act, please remember: whatever the policy outcome of your deliberations, the work of creating educational, informational, and engaging children's programming falls to real people -- producers, directors, writers and program executives.

It is the dedication of these people that will beget better children's television, rather than just the obligatory more. To assure that they can do their best work, they require certain resources:

**CASH** -- Money can't fix bad concepts, but lack of money often prevents good ones from seeing the light of day. Australia's Children's Television Foundation -- well-funded and empowered to leverage its assets -- finances programming for both commercial and public channels, that is respected worldwide. Other countries have used taxes -- levies in some cases, credits in others -- to build funds for children's TV. Here, we are in imminent danger of losing our tiny National Endowment for Children's Educational Television.

**CLOUT** -- Children's programming needs advocates at the highest rungs of the corporate ladder. Within every media company, surely there is a Corporate Director who will watch what's shown, talk with the executives and producers, and champion both financial and philosophical support for quality programs. Corporations compete with one another in many ways -- are they constructively competitive in doing their best to serve children?

**COMMITMENT** -- In today's competitive media environment, there is little margin for risk or error. Yet, with so many options -- multiple channels, VCRs, computers, video games -- programs need extra time to find their audiences. This predicament demands that schedulers not chase the opportunity of the moment. If a quality program is worth producing, commit to it the time and promotion it needs to become a favorite (remember *Cheers?*).

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