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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong,

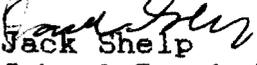
As an educator, school psychologist and concerned citizen in California, I am writing to encourage your support of the proposal to require Network Television stations to provide 5 to 7 hours a week of educational programming for children.

There is a great deal of research demonstrating the impact television viewing has upon children's behavior. Most children view many hours of television a week, with most shows containing a great deal of violence and little educational value. This leads to more violent and less educated children, who with time will be adolescents, and later adults.

I truly feel we can have a significant reduction in the amount of violence in our society by reducing the amount of violence on T.V. Further, I believe that we can significantly increase the educational level of our citizens through increased educational television programing. Educated citizens are more likely to be productive members of society and less likely to be criminals.

Please support the new "quantitative guidelines," requiring content standards and a minimum amount of air time per week, being considered by the FCC as a means to enforce the Children's Television Act. Through these efforts we will all live safer and more fulfilled lives.

Sincerely,


Jack Shelp

School Psychologist
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From: Glen & Beth Jones <4jones@spaceworks.com>
To: Secretary, FCC <kidstv@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/15/95 10:39pm
Subject: Children's TV Programs (MM Docket 93-48)

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Dear Commissioners:

We are parents of two boys, ages 4 and 6. As someone who cares a lot about the future of our nation's children, we am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming each week for children.

We are glad the Commission is 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 kids. Please define "educational" and require that they air between 7 am and 8 pm. We are frustrated by the slow pace of "voluntary" compliance with the current guidelines and therefore encourage regulation via quantitative guidelines.

We are also concerned by the violent content of television in general and children's programing in particular. Please consider regulation to reduce violence in children's and primetime programming. We also support a rating system for television shows and mandatory TV features that permit parents to control program access by the rating.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children. Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for children will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all our children will benefit. It is critical that appropriate guidelines be required for television now and extended to other media (e.g. internet resources) in the future.

Sincerely,

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From: <AShay7157@aol.com>
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Date: 10/13/95 10:09pm
Subject: 3-5 hours of education

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As a new mother, and a member of the "X" generation, known mostly for their "slacker" attitude, you would probably think I would probably not "care" about what type of programs are being shown on TV. Well, to me, in light of all the other trash that can be found on the boob tube these days, 3-5 hours a week of educational programing seems like a VERY minimal request. I didn't see anything stating that these stations were going to have to fork out money to come up with new programs...they can play reruns of The Captain Kangaroo

Show for all I care, but to even out the programming tables, with as much on

TV as there is to pollute young minds, there should atleast be SOMETHING for them to watch that they can get SOMETHING out of. This will be wonderful for those of us that can't get cable programs in our areas such as Nickelodian, Discovery, The Learning Channel, The Disney Channel, etc... With this bit of legislature being passed, Moms will be assured that no matter what channel their TV is able to "pick up", that channel will have at least 3-5 hours a week of educational programming for their young child's mind to "tune into".

Thank you for your "yea" vote to pass this legislature.

Amanda Huffer
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From: <BKurudza@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(RBCHONG)
Date: 10/15/95 12:32pm
Subject: Children's TV Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children (I have three, ages 8, 5, and 3), 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. As it is, my children only watch PBS programs, as there are so few programs on non-cable/pay television that are worthwhile or appropriate.

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.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Marc Nisenfeld <MARC@sbi.sb2.pdx.edu>
To: A7.A7 (RBCHONG)
Date: 10/12/95 12:08pm
Subject: Quality TV

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Commissioner Chong,
Please vote to support and enforce the Children's Television
Act.
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From: Jeanne Fandozzi <Jeanne_Fandozzi@qmgateib.mitre.org>
To: Commissioner Rachelle Chong <Rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/12/95 2:35pm
Subject: CTA of 1990

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CTA of 1990
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Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to express my support in favor of the "quantitative guideline" to enforce the Children's Television Act. Our nation's children are inundated with sex, violence, and programming of no socially redeeming value. Requiring 3-5 hours per week of educational programming for children would be a baby-step in the right direction contributing toward the positive impact television programs can have on children's growth and development.

Please vote in favor of this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jeanne Fandozzi jff@mitre.org

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From: Darlene D. Dreblow <DARLENE@muskingum.edu>
To: rchong <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/13/95 5:46pm
Subject: educational programming, original 5 hours per week for children

I am writing to request your support of a very important piece of legislation for children. Please support requiring television stations to air a minimum of 5 hours (I'd like to see even more than 5 hours but will settle for 5) of educational programming per week.

Children watch far too many hours of television per week. Most of what they see is violent (especially cartoons) and research clearly suggests that watching violence on TV clearly relates to aggressive behavior.

On the other hand, educational programming such as Mr. Rogers Neighborhood (which is related to prosocial behavior), Carmen Sandiego, Bill Nye the Science Guy and other programs of this nature clearly relate to positive outcomes.

PBS has some wonderful educational programs, but low income children's parents are less likely to turn the television onto PBS for some reason.

We need to mandate that television stations put more educational programs on television. They will not do it on their own. The benefits to society will follow.

I am the faculty administrator of a preschool at a small liberal arts college. I have watched many children acting out Power Rangers. It is clear to me that this particular program encourages aggressive play. In fact, we have had to outlaw Power Ranger play at school because so many children were getting hurt. Children DO imitate what they see on television.

Although some say that parents are responsible for what their children watch, it is clear to me that parents are NOT taking the responsibility.

We as a society cannot afford to neglect the power that television has over children. If we continue to do so, we will continue to have a very violent society.

Thank you for letting me speak my views.

Sincerely,

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From: <Cvreport@aol.com>
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Date: 10/17/95 12:59pm
Subject: Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

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I am writing you to ask that you support the proposal requiring every television station in the country to provide 3-5 hours a week of educational programming for children.

Thank you very much,

Martha Dewing
Publisher/Editor
Children's Video Report

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Rt. 1 Box 249
Saluda, NC 28773
October 2, 1995

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to you as a school psychologist and a parent of an 11 year-old boy who is very much influenced by television programs. I am concerned with the lack of educational programming for children on the commercial stations and urge you to adopt new rules requiring 5 hours of educational programming for children each week. I do not think this is too much to ask the networks to do, but I do not think they will do it without new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act.

Please vote to require the networks to offer more educational programming for children.

Sincerely,



Steve Breckheimer

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From: Stanton McCandlish <mech@eff.org>
To: A7.A7 (RBCHONG)
Date: 9/19/95 9:55pm
Subject: quantitative guideline? bah!

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I'm writing to you in (negative) response to a recent action alert, urging activists to write to you asking the FCC to support implementation of "quantitative guidelines" for enforcement of the Children's Television Act of 1990.

To the contrary, I write to ask you to oppose such a measure. The educationality of a particular television program, or a station's entire lineup, is a wholly subjective matter, and cannot be quantified at all. Such a regulation would be an undue and inexcusable restraint of trade, and is questionable Constitutionally, as is the CTA in the first place.

Just say no to censorious, market-skewing regulation!

While you're at it, I hope FCC will push the heck out of Congress to deregulate cable and the telcos as much as possible. Enough is enough. Let the economic forces of the marketplace do what they do best - induce variety, competition, and lower prices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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	Stanton McCandlish
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From: Michael Shermis <shermism@indiana.edu>
To: A7.A7(RBCHONG)
Date: 9/20/95 3:04pm
Subject: Support Quantitative Guideline

Support the "quantitative guideline" to enforce the Children's Television Act.

Thank you.

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From: <Kristin.M.Rohrbach@um.cc.umich.edu>
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Subject: Children Now

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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.

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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,

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From: <PUFFCA18@SNYBUFAA.CS.SNYBUF.EDU>
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Date: 8/31/95 9:06am
Subject: educational programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I support the position that TV stations be required to provide a specific number of hours of educational programming for children each week. There is too much violence in children's prime time programming and it is sending a negative message and providing poor role models for our children. I urge you to take a strong stand in favor of educational programming for children and also to require that those programs are aired during prime children's viewing hours.

Sincerely,

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Date: 8/31/95 12:48pm
Subject: Children's Programming

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Commissioner Chong,

I realize there is a very close vote on the requirements of children's television programming. I am writing you to tell you that I support the new "quantitative guideline" to enforce some restrictions on children's television.

This is our future we are talking about here!!! Do you want the people who will be running this country and taking care of us when we are old growing up on Power Rangers and Mortal Kombat or Sesame Street and Reading Rainbow?

Children's educational television is the most neglected broadcasting, but yet the most valuable and most needed. My daughter watches PBS almost all day long. Sesame Street, Lamb chop, Mr. Rogers, not just cartoons that contain violence and sarcasm, but nurturing, caring, educational and encouraging television. If we can't give a good base, and good background to our children, who cannot avoid a television, shouldn't we put better monotoration on it? Why even have an FCC if that can't support the people who matter the most...the children.

Tanya A. Moore
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"A person's world is only as big as their heart"
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From: Lois Shea <LSHEA@poseidon.esusda.gov>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 8/31/95 8:47am
Subject: Children's TV

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

The future of our children is important. Please vote for the new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I would also like more regulation on the kinds of adult entertainment that can be seen on TV, especially between the hours of 6-9 p.m. Some progress has been made toward family shows but . . . some of the family shows have too much explicit language. When my son was a teenager we had some severe problems with him. When I asked why did you do this, and why did you think we would approve. His answer was because he thought this was the way life was. I said, why would you think this your father and I have never done or encouraged this behavior. He said everyone else does it I see it on TV all the time, I thought you and dad were just square. My answer was removing the TV from his room and advising him that we didn't live that way, nor did we act that way and we expected better of him. After careful supervision of his TV shows, his actions and grades improved.

I am in favor of a minimum of 3-5 hours of educational shows a week and forcing the industry to provide this to our children. The "square" parents should have some support from the entertainment industry too. With the growing problems of our youth, it is important that we encourage the right values in society. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the Children's Television Act, all our kids and society will benefit. Let's be a Nation to restore wholesomeness and values.

Sincerely,
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From: Miriam R Linver <linver@U.Arizona.EDU>
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Date: 8/30/95 8:39pm
Subject: Children's Television

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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August 30, 1995

Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who studies issues of children's achievement and cares 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 children.

It took interested parties 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 children will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all American children will benefit.

Sincerely,

Miriam R. Linver, M.S.

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From: <JONEST@BIOMED.MED.YALE.EDU>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 8/30/95 9:57pm
Subject: educational tv programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong

As a concerned citizen interested in children's rights, including their right to be provided with meaningful entertainment, I support requiring the mandating of developing real criteria for the term educational programming and determining reasonable hours for its implementation, 3-5 hours per as suggested in the recent proposal. I look forward to seeing this passed.

Lorrie Shaw 37 Wilderwood Dr. Guilford Ct. 06437

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From: <WTCHANDLER@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 8/30/95 9:17pm
Subject: Educational requirement for TV

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

As a future teacher, I want to voice my concern about impending regulations governing the number of hours that television stations are required to broadcast programs that have educational value to children.

I believe that such regulations are needed. After seeing the content of children's programming and the type of programs, I am concerned that the programming has become nothing more than a vehicle to promote the purchase of toys. It also has the disadvantage of being violent.

Because of the nature of the broadcasting system, programs which generate high advertising sales for TV stations are the norm. Unfortunately this impacts the quality and value of what is shown on TV. Therefore, imposition of the proposed regulation would ensure a minimal amount of educational programs being available to children and parents.

Under current regulations the term educational programming is not defined.

After seeing the programs that stations view as educational, I believe that the FCC needs to clarify this definition. The proposed regulation would clarify the definition.

Furthermore, with the decrease in the reading levels of children, I feel that it is the FCC's responsibility to mandate programming that encourages reading skills. Today's children are America's future and they should be literate enough to deal with a highly technical and complicated world. Often times, we view TV as counterproductive to literacy development. However, if enough high quality children's programming is developed and aired, TV can be used to develop and encourage literacy. For example, look at Reading Rainbow. Now imagine if commercial television stations aired such programming. With the possible cuts in Public TV, the FCC needs to ensure the survival of such programs on commercial television stations. We owe it to ourselves to ensure that our future citizens and leaders are intelligent and capable.

I appreciate your time and understanding in this matter. With all the special interest groups pounding at your door, I sympathize with you and your fellow Commissioners. I only ask that you keep the long term interest of our future generations in mind when you consider your stance.

Sincerely,

William T. Chandler
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From: Larry Ingle <LINGLE@UTCVM.UTC.EDU>
To: Rachelle Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: 8/31/95 8:28am
Subject: Children's TV

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Rachelle Chong:-

I am writing to let you know that I support the idea of requiring television stations to telecast at least three hours of children's programs--not the Jetsons and the like!--weekly. The FCC should ride herd on this effort and see to it that our children and grandchild get more than the pap and pabulum that comes over the airwaves now. Your vote for this requirement is needed, and I hope that you will respond accordingly. n

Larry Ingle
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From: <nbenokraitis@UBmail.ubalt.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 8/30/95 9:17pm
Subject: Children's programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I encourage you to support the Children's Television Act. Ideally, I would like television stations to broadcast ONLY educational programming. Minimally, half of the programs should be educational instead of transmitting violence, sex, aggression, rude and crude behavior, or little more than 30 minute and 60 minute commercials that do little more than promote toys.

Respectfully,
N. Benokraitis, University of Baltimore

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From: Ronald Zuskin <RZUSKIN@ssw02.ab.umd.edu>
To: A7.A7(rchong)
Date: 8/31/95 8:46am
Subject: educational tv

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I am writing to voice my support for a Federal guideline requiring a specified amount of hours of commercial television be dedicated to children's educational programming each week. It is evident by now that the networks are incapable of making decisions about programming which are not motivated predominantly by profit interests. Only Federal requirements requiring a specific amount of hours during specifically ascribed times of day will produce programming which is informative and non-diversionary, offering our children possibilities for experience and enrichment. The airwaves belong to the public, not the networks. Please help that large portion of the public too young to realize this or to change it with their actions, voices, or votes. Thank you very much for your sincere and thoughtful consideration.

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-- [From: Dan Walker * EMC.Ver #2.5.02] --

Commissioner Rachelle Chong:

I am a teacher of young children, ages 4 to 6, and am writing to let you know that I strongly support the requirement that stations provide a specific number of hours of educational programming each week. With the trend these days of both parents working outside the home, too often children are allowed to watch television for great lengths of time and without supervision and without guidance on what would be appropriate for them to view.

We need to improve the quality of what is available for children to watch on television.

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From: Lisa Samis <lsamis@esu3.esu3.k12.ne.us>
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Date: 8/30/95 8:06pm
Subject: CN: Children' Television Update

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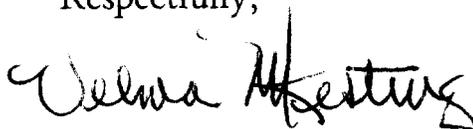
Rachelle Chong
Commissioner,
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Chong,

Parents today need all the help they can get to raise their children in a safe and stable society. Their responsibility is made far more difficult because of the violence with which their children are bombarded constantly on T.V. Pliable young minds are sadly influenced by the savagery, cruelty, and brutality to which they are exposed while viewing various shows.

We ask you to please consider reducing the amount of violence on T.V. Your decisions will impact on our children markedly. Yours is a profound responsibility. You are in a position to establish regulations to better society as a whole by providing a healthier use of the airways. Let T.V. help the youth of America to establish high values now, in order that they will then become quality productive citizens in the future.

Respectfully,



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RE: Time Extension for Kids' TV Debate (docket # 93-48)

Dear Commissioner Chong,

The **Center for Educational Priorities** respectfully requests that the FCC extend its time limit for comments on the Kids' TV debate from October 15 to November 15.

The reasons for our request are the following:

1. The time extension would allow for greater participation from the public in the Kids' TV debate.
2. The FCC's Web page announcing the debate has just recently removed many of its bugs (though some still remain) thus previously inhibiting public access to the materials such as the NPRM and information on the issues concerning the debate.
3. The Center for Educational Priorities (October 5) has just recently opened its own web site (<http://www.cep.org>) which is dedicated to informing the public on key issues in this debate.
4. Television broadcasters and journalists have yet to report to the public on the debate or provide access to information pertaining to it. Our Center has just launched a campaign to encouraging broadcasters and television journalists to cover this debate.

We would greatly appreciate your attention to this request. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian Burke, Director

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