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Mr Reed Hundt
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am writing to you with the request that the law regarding children's educational programs, be made more specific. As a mother, grandmother and a television producer of a public broadcasted television series called *The Doctor Is In*, I am gravely concerned over the lack of appropriate television viewing for young people.

May I suggest that at least 5 hours a week be devoted to educational programs? Issues that middle school children deal with on a daily basis are virtually ignored in this medium which is so important in influencing their decisions. It has been estimated that today a child spends an average of 1500 hours each year in front of a television. If there is nothing that communicates health promotion and disease prevention, we are losing a golden opportunity to influence the young at an impressionable age.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Jane Bassick

Jane Bassick
Director

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Galen Woodard

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Docket 93-48

Dear Sirs,

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Don't allow "Kids" on the Television air waves. Its
immoral, makes, or would make them criminals.

We need all the moral teaching and pro-family teaching
we can get on TV. This is one more step that will
eliminate crime if we stop this "Kids" movie or video.

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Yours truly,

Galen Woodard



Marie Pilny

September 26, 1995

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
1919 M St. NW
Washington, D.C. MD 20554

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COMM. Re: Children's Television Act
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Gentlemen:

Peace be with you.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the above matter, U.S. News & World Report issue Sept. 11, 1995, p.70.

a) On this page is a picture of a man who looks mad, decidedly queer, and the way that program-- "Beakman's World" is presented proves it. His feminine partner is just as questionable. The information they shout about is not all factual and it is given in a very moronish manner. Certainly it is an insult to any child's intelligence. The worst is, that it is a Federal Grant;and should be stopped.

b) Another program is made up of caricature characters. The way it is presented is jerky, lacking intelligent continuity. If there is a message that a watcher of any age is intended to benefit from it -- it is lost.

c) There is one TV program for children consisting of characters which are eccentric caricatures. One is a large skeleton in violent action, ugly, and full of threats. This program should be definitely also stopped. Such a program does not build a foundation on which any child can depend on for security. If there is anything that leaves a mark of fear, unhappiness in the memory should not be allowed. There is nothing beneficial or educational in this program -- but just the contrary.

All programs should be carefully examined by reliable people--parents who really care, before they are released, and not only for children.

Man is constantly in pursuit of happiness. Is it not wise to keep in mind that everyone is born for that purpose, for the same reason? to do only good for himself and for others? Yet such programs fill a young mind with confusion, with fear, strange wondering as to what really life is about what is in the vast space around us, especially at night. No wonder there are so many killings, so many teen-agers gone wrong, so filled with confusion, so distrustful of others. Where to look for confidence? where to look for solace? where to look for safety? where to look for truth? with so much--so much immorality, cruelty, violence, not only on TV but around them.

It is so wrong, so irresponsible by mature adults who should see to it that it not be allowed. HELP! -- is still missing.

Most sincerely,
Marie Pilny
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September 25, 1995

Mr. Reed Hundt, Chair
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a member of PTA and parent of 2 children, I am concerned about the quality of children's TV programming. Please strengthen the Children's Television Act by adding the following language to the rules of the act:

1. Require the following for "educational programming":
 - programming that has education as a "significant purpose"
 - programs that air between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
 - programs that are regularly scheduled and of substantial length (15 minutes or longer)
 - written statements provided by stations on the educational objectives and the child audience targeted by the programming
2. Require stations to identify educational children's programming when it airs to help parents choose these shows.
3. Mandate that stations air a minimum of three hours per week of educational shows for children. This requirement will rise to five hours per week over a period of several years.

Sincerely,

Lynette Williams

Lynette Williams
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Mesquite, TX 75150

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September 27, 1995

Reed Hunt, Chair
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington DC 20554

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Re: Children's Television Act.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The language with which the National PTA would like to augment the rules on required children's television programming, has certain desirable features. However, there also are certain problem areas, including matters not addressed.

If stations are to be required to furnish educational children's programming, then it should be aired when a significant child audience is likely to be present. Between 11PM and 6 AM is not satisfactory. And it needs to be of significant length — at least 15 minutes — if it is to be of much value.

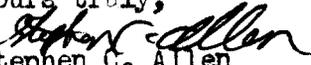
However, some of the other National PTA objectives are more problematic. They want it to be written that the programming must serve education as a "significant purpose" — an ambiguous phrase. The PTA also wants the stations to provide written statements identifying "educational objectives and the child audience targeted."

This gets us into the key issue: Exactly what does "educational" mean, and who will interpret the term? Some people are rightly worried that cereal manufacturers are unfit to evaluate a program's educational value. However, some of the alternative entities that may be proposed for this purpose, also would seem to be unfit for the job. Shall the National Education Association define what is educational? This is the group that recently endorsed a "Gay History Month" for the public schools, and which has a long history of political activism far removed from the views of the majority of member teachers, and even from education. How about the people who award grants for the National Endowment for the Arts? (I hope I don't have to describe some of their recent fiascos).

Furthermore, the National PTA wants stations to label which programs are educational, in order to help parents select them. But why is this necessary? If a show is educational, then is not that fact fairly self-evident to parents? On the other hand, if a show would not be recognized by parents as educational apart from a label, then is the show really educational?

Another issue: It is a firm public policy that public schools may not conduct sectarian teaching. Does this mean, then, that any TV program that has a religious component, is excluded from being considered educational?

Currently, stations are largely free to label anything as educational. Some people understandably want a different standard. Such a standard must have an ear open to the general public, and be flexible enough to accommodate different views as to what is educational. And here, "general public" does not mean its ostensible representatives at the National PTA, National Education Association, or other such group; but must also include any self-gathered, self-financed grassroots groups of parents, and representatives of private education. And the standards must be flexible enough to permit stations to pursue philosophically non-agreeing tracks in their selection of educational material — e.g., whether or not evolution would be portrayed as fact. Only in this way will educational standards be prevented from becoming a piece of pork handed to specific interests, in the form of dedicated air time just for them.

Yours truly,

Stephen C. Allen

February 8, 1995

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

We, the undersigned organizations made up of parents, teachers, librarians, psychologists, health care workers, consumer advocates, school board members, and others who care deeply about children, are writing to urge you to strengthen the guidelines for the Children's Television Act.

Millions of American children grow up facing crises such as hunger, poverty, family problems, and violence which leave them ill-prepared to learn in school. Millions more are educated in underfunded and troubled school systems. The number of school drop-outs and illiterate high school graduates increases dramatically each year. These trends imperil our nation's health, security, and future.

Broadcast television can play an unprecedented role in nourishing the minds of our nation's 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 which are as educational as they are entertaining. Yet, today's children have greater access to sensationalistic 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 a.m. and 10 p.m. in regularly scheduled time slots.

No other regulatory body is in a position to make this happen. Please... America's children are counting on you.

Sincerely,
Georgia W. Spencer

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Northshore PTA Council



18315 Bothell Way NE * Bothell, Washington 98011 * (206) 489-6491 PTA - KIDS AT HEART

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Dear FCC,

We support your efforts to improve the quality of broadcast television for children. Television plays an important role in the development of children today, and we all need to work to make sure that role is a positive experience. We concur with your findings that at this point it is difficult to determine the impact of the CTA, and because of this we support a period of monitoring. A period of monitoring will allow for the development of a baseline from which further evaluation could occur. We also support the monitoring period based on previous results of the failure of the industry to make significant gains in children's programming with the liberal guidelines established in 1990.

Many of us were the first generations to grow-up with television in our lives and we are just now beginning to understand the role television plays. We support media education for all segments of the population. We encourage the FCC to work with existing groups, such as PTA, child advocacy groups, educational groups, churches, etc. to promote media education. A part of that media education should include how to monitor the compliance of broadcast stations with the CTA.

We support the development of a national recognized icon to identify children's programming. We also support children's programming being broadcast between the hours of 7am and 10pm. As parents, we feel these are more appropriate hours for children to be viewing than the proposed 6am to 11pm. We also strongly support that the FCC require any program designed as CTA programming to have education as a "significant purpose" in order to assure our children have quality programming available.

We appreciate the effort that the FCC has made to assure compliance with the CTA guidelines. We encourage continued involvement of all parties, including parents so that we may all work for programming that will enhance our children's lives.

Sincerely,

Sue Kenney
Sue Kenney, Chair

TV: Be Smart, Watch Smart

Rhonda McKim

Rhonda McKim, Chair
Violence Intervention/Prevention

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34 Greenridge Drive
Clifton Park, New York 12065
March 7, 1995

Federal Communication Commission
Complaints and Investigations Office
2025 M Street, North West, Room 821
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Sirs:

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to you because I am truly concerned about young children witnessing so much violence on television today.

Our families are changing in structure, and the two parent family with mom at home taking care of the children has decreased dramatically. Many of our youngsters are latch key children, who come home to an empty house and are able to watch unsupervised television.

The evening news reports shootings and killings far too often that involve young children and teenagers. Where do children and teenagers get these ideas? Do young children think that it is all right to shoot someone because they don't think that they will really hurt someone? Will a body part be replaced when shot? Will the person be fine, get up and walk away? What are they thinking?

I urge you to consider my thoughts about children's television programming today, and make a change that is more appropriate for young children.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jean L. Atkinson

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34 Greenridge Drive
Clifton Park, New York 12065
March 7, 1995

Mr. John Matoian, President
Fox Entertainment Group
P.O. Box 900
Beverly Hills, California 90213

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Dear Mr. Matoian:

I am writing to you because I believe the quality of programming for young children is declining. As an educator of young children, I am concerned about the violence that is seen in cartoons, and the effect that it has on impressionable children.

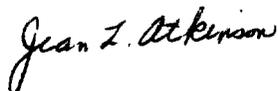
Most young children watch television an average of 28 hours a week and are exposed to too much violence. These children do not understand the reality of hurting, maiming or killing others when cartoon programs show that body parts can be replaced instantaneously. This type of programming does not allow children to develop the concept of empathy towards others. Children learn that violence is an acceptable solution to everyday conflicts.

Please monitor your cartoons more closely and consider showing only those that demonstrate appropriate problem solving skills. Our children must learn to resolve conflicts effectively and without the use of violent behavior.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Federal Communications Commission to make them aware of my concerns about the violence in children's television programs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope you will see my position as an early childhood educator.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Jean L. Atkinson

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Missouri Association For
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DEAR MR. HUNDT; AS A MEMBER OF MISSOURI FAMILY AND
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IS ONE OF OUR NATIONAL PROJECTS.

MAY I STRESS ALSO: MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
LESS VIOLENCE IN T-V PROGRAMS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERNS:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERNS:

Mrs. Catherine Martin
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Joplin, MO 64804-5138

Catherine C. Martin

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*Velda-B. York
Joplin, Mo.*

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERNS:

*Ms. Mary Alice Brown
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Dear Chairman Hunt,

I am taking the opportunity to reply to your invitation for comments on your speech at the Press Club.

I was an engineer employed at the FCC for forty years. I saw all of the Commissioners come and go since 1941 . Commissioner Hennock led in providing UHF channels for educational TV. Commissioner Johnson tried to limit commercial time and failed. More and more AM stations were provided for with basically the same fare. Later FM stations.

UHF TV struggled to improve technically and did . The FCC itself proved * that UHF could be used in a "canyon type city "like New York and this led to the requirement that all new TV receivers have UHF capability

Everything should not be dictated by the "market" This is your greatest hurdle. Educate the children and hopefully a "little child will lead them" . This, however, will not happen unless people like you can lead the grownups.

Needless to say I appreciated your speech and I think it was well received. Its a hot kitchen out there --good luck!

Jules Deitz
Jules Deitz

* seeIEEE Transactions Consumer Electronics February1982 page 90

P.S. After 40 years at the FCC naturally I am saturated with many engineering experiences - but this is not the place for them.

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to urge you to defend the best interests of our nation's children by strengthening the guidelines for the Children's Television Act.

Millions of American children grow up facing constant crises such as hunger, poverty, family problems and violence -- leaving them ill-prepared to learn in school. Millions more are educated in underfunded and troubled school systems. The number of school drop-outs and illiterate high school graduates increases dramatically each year. These trends imperil our nation's health, security and future.

Television has an unparalleled influence in the lives of all Americans and can play an unprecedented role in nourishing the minds of our nation's children. Today children have better access to sensationalistic talk shows, violent cartoons, and adult sitcoms than they do to programming designed to enrich their minds. This must change.

The market forces, which govern how shows are developed and aired, are biased against educational programming for children. We cannot leave the educational needs of our nation's children in the unseen hands of market forces. Inaction has already led to the dominance of shows cynically designed to serve as marketing vehicles for toys, candy and other products.

The FCC must stand up for children. The FCC must provide broadcasters with a clearer definition of "educational" programming and make sure that television stations air at least one hour a day of these shows between 7 a.m.-10 p.m. in regularly scheduled time slots. America's children are counting on you.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

Carolyn Conrad

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Becky S Fox

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Sincerely,

Charlotte E. Miller

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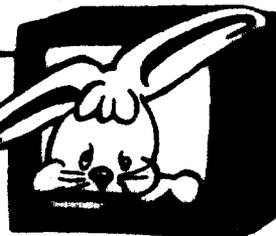
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Sincerely,

Barbara Rondelli

PATCHY POCKETS PRODUCTIONS, INC. TM

THE   **BIPPITY** SHOW TM



FAX 281-9669(phone first)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20541

Ms. Barbara Kreisman
Chief of Video Services Division
Federal Communications Commission
Mail Stop 1800/702
1919 "M" Street
N.W. Washington, D.C. 90554

RE: HOURS OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING PER DAY

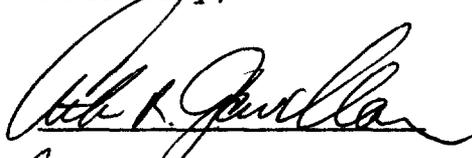
Dear Ms. Kreisman:

We believe the FCC should require each television station to air a minimum of 3-1/2 hours of entertaining and educational children's programming per day between the hours of 5am and 8pm.

Stations already airing more than 3-1/2 hours of children's programming should not decrease their present schedule by more than thirty percent (30%).

Thank you for your time and interest.

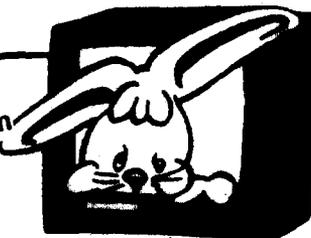
Sincerely,


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20541

RE: HOURS OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING PER DAY

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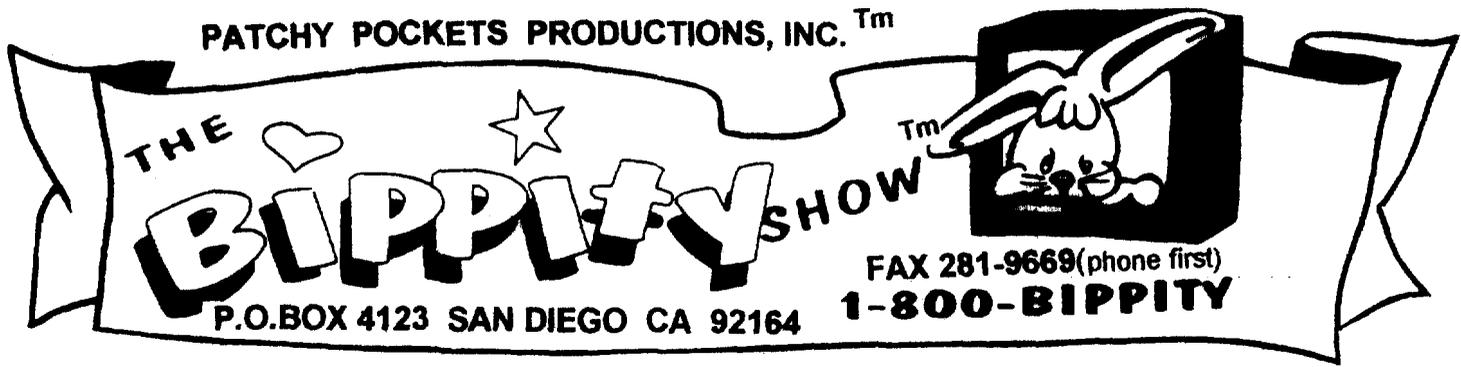
Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,


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October 5, 1995

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir:

RE: Children's Television Act (CTA)

The Children's Television Act (CTA) which took effect in 1991 requires broadcasters to serve educational and informational needs of children, as a condition for license renewal. The industry has paid little attention to the mandate of the law.

Local children's programming in my community is minimal. We do have a cable access station, but there has been alot of controversy on aired programs because nothing is barred. Nudity was rampant on one program, and we were told the program makers could put on whatever they wanted. This is not good for our children. Most teenagers knew about this nudity show which played late at night, but, of course, parents were not aware this was taking place. I was appalled when I heard about this program.

I agree with National PTA's position that we should (1) set a standard of at least 1 hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations, (2) redefine "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole, (3) count only standard-length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting that station's "core" programming obligations, (4) exclude programs aired before 6 am and after 10 pm counting toward the core requirements. Children are in bed usually (or should be) at these particular hours.

The CTA is constitutional and should be enforced!! TV airwaves belong to the public. We need to require industry to include children in their programming. The industries will not do it voluntarily, so it is up to the FCC to mandate requirements. We need your help to improve TV quality for ALL children and youth.

Sincerely,

Barb Halverson

Vice President of Membership

cc: Debi Rocco, VP of Legislative Activities, Oregon PTA
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October 6, 1995

Reed Hundt
Chair, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

The 1990 Children's Television Act requires broadcasters to provide some quantity of educational programming for children in order to receive a license. It is the belief of this Organization that the referenced Act has not yet reached its intended goal of increasing the amount of children's educational programming to any significant amount, in spite of the public outcry of late that has been reported by the news media.

It is believed that by adding the word "Take Action" to the Act, assurances that more children's educational programming is provided by the broadcasters will be enhanced. Other suggested additions to the Act, which have been previously recommended by the PTA and should be re-considered again to strengthen the Act, are as follows:

1. Require the following for 'educational programming':
 - programming that has education as a significant purpose,
 - programs that air between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11 p.m.,
 - programs that are regularly scheduled and of a substantial length and,
 - written statements provided by broadcast stations on the educational objectives and the child audience targeted by the programming provided.
2. Require stations to identify educational children's programming when it airs, to help parents choose the shows that their children may view.
3. Mandate that broadcast stations air a minimum of three hours per week of educational shows for children immediately. This requirement should gradually rise to five hours per week over a period of time.

We urge you strengthen the Children's Television Act and request your support in ensuring that it is.

Sincerely,

J. D. BUEHRLE
Legislative Chairman

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October 04, 1995

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
The Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Hundt,

I hope that you will vote to set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations, and re-define the definition of educational and informational programming in order to close the regulatory loopholes, such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications. Please count only standard length, regulary scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's core programming obligations under the act and exclude programs before 6 A.M. or after 10 P.M. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming!

Strengthening the Children's Television Act is very Important. Others that I have talked with agree whole heartedly. I hope that you and the other members of the Commission vote to do this!

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Andersen

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