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Dear Commissioner Chong, [REDACTED]

I urge you to support real educational programming for children's television. As an elementary school teacher, I am concerned about the type of television your children are exposed to.

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Jill Schalet
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Sincerely,

Jill Schalet

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Commissar Rochelle Charney
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Dear Commissar:

We all face the possible consequences -
whenever we walk into a public place -
of seeing our children in a milieu of
violence.

Please consider the importance of strengthening
FCC requirements for educational children's
television. Our future depends on it.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Brown

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Dear Commissioner Chang, ~~████████████████████~~

This weekend I attended a conference which focused on the amount and effects of violence on television. As the father of three children living in a 'central-city' neighborhood of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, the presence of violence around us is very disturbing. This summer I heard the gunfire from the killing of two teen-agers that came from less than 100 yards out our back door. The causes of this kind of violence are numerous, but surely our family deserves some protection from the programming which so regularly immerses us in the brutality of sensationalized violence.

Please support stronger rules for implementing the Children's Television Act. Surely we can do better.

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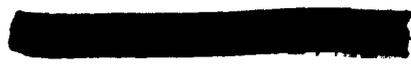
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Subject: Wholesome TV

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I favor clean, wholesome programming for children. In my opinion, obscene, pornographic, and excessively violent programming should be against the law. Because the Constitution guarantees a free press, it is wrong to impose requirements on the content of television programs other than to outlaw obscenity. The Constitution also prohibits the federal government from assuming powers not given specifically by the Constitution (10th amendment). For this reason, I oppose federal control and regulation of programming content, other than to outlaw pornography and obscenity. Parents should be given the power to regulate what their children watch. If a "V-chip" would allow parents to arbitrarily block out any and all programs, then I favor this. The parents should be entirely in control of what their children can watch. (It might also be a good idea to include a "C-chip" to eliminate objectionable commercials!)
However, I would not want the V-chip to be based on a rating system in which acceptable programming is determined by someone other than the parents.

Schools should not be required to have access to the Internet. That decision belongs to parents and schools. There is too much pornography on the Internet to make it generally available to children! Those in the US who publish such pornography should be prosecuted.

Bill Moore, Ruston, Louisiana, USA bmoore@engr.latech.edu

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Harold D. Bentley (halpatbn@faribault.polaristel.net) writes:

Thank you for the opportunity to have a little input to FCC activity.

1. Please, do not institute legislation that will curtail the freedom of speech which our constitution guarantees us. Instead, place screening devices in our media formats that permit some screening of what our young people have access to. Adults should be able to access anything which they feel is appropriate for themselves.
2. Provide for a "payback" policy for tax money funded programs which suddenly begin to be a commercial success and thereby start making networks, or show creators, very wealthy. Barney is a good example of tax funded programs making someone a little better off (sic) at taxpayers expense.
3. Please consider actions which will guarantee the integrity of what is known as the Internet. Over commercialization or regulation of this media of learning and information transmission will only limit the growth of one of the most beneficial sources of information I have ever see. If I had access to the Internet during my college days I would have been able to achieve twice what I did in the way of learning, and would have done it in half the time.

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Thank You Again,

Hal Bentley

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Greg Kaminski (gregalan@wam.umd.edu) writes:

Chairman Hundt,

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I fully support your efforts to require for profit television networks to include more quality educational programming for renewal of their licences. They are loaned a public asset from which to profit, and should return to the public an element of quality programming typically found on PBS. Especially now that federal funding for PBS is being reduced. I am writing a paper on this for my Information Policy class at the University of Maryland. I have a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning children's television programming plus an abundance of articles from "The Washington Post". Are there other documents of value which your Public Affairs Officer might send me? Best regards, Greg Kaminski

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BUREAU OF BROADCASTING

stephen m. aspell (saspell@mobile.com) writes:

The gift of spectrum to the broadcast industry is nothing less than politics as usual. The broadcasters then have the gall to object to providing appropriate public service.

I fully support the requirement for educational tv appropriate for children. However, educational content must go beyond 'Power Rangers' counting the number of bad guys beaten up. If left to their own the broadcasters will turn this requirement into another super hero merchandising commercial

I am motivated by self interest - the father of a 3 year old concerned about appropriate viewing. A rating guide would be very useful.

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vijay moses (vijay.moses@law.georgetown.edu) writes:

Generally, I don't think the govt should get involved in dictating content to broadcasters. Nonetheless, when it comes to ensuring that the educational needs of children are met, some interference is justified and, perhaps, necessary. These days, there seem to be so many non-broadcast educational options available able to parents: cable, video tapes, CD-ROM, and other new technology. But these resources are available only to people who can afford them. In the interest of families who cannot afford access to these resources, the govt should step in and--in a way as minimally intrusive as possible--require broadcasters to air educational children's programming. On some level, it's about equality of opportunity for all children . . . If all families could afford these substitutes for children's television, the govt would not have such a compelling need to step in and regulate. As things stand, however, the need is compelling. The government and the broadcasters its licens! es have an obligation ALL children; that the needs of most can be met without regulation is not good enough.

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Allen Kim (ak3q@andrew.cmu.edu) writes:

Hi...

I support the FCC's willingness to support children's television, but not much else as far as the other goals that the FCC has in mind.

I do not think that this nation needs anymore television. \$40 mil is hard to justify if all that it is going to provide are more channels geared for the propagation of more bad TV.

Finally, today's education system DOES NOT need any Internet access. The money could be better spent towards better books, resources, and teachers. I do not see the Internet as a valuable teaching resource at all for it does not encourage active learning in comparison to the traditional means.

I hope that somebody reads this and takes a note of what is being said. Truthfully speaking, I doubt it.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Kim

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Laura Vickers (lvicker1@gmu.edu) writes:

I am with you 100%. I am currently reading Newton Minow's new book, Abandoned in the Wasteland and am writing a paper on these very issues. Thanks for taking the time to hear my comments.

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Lisa G. Bell (lisa.bell@nt.com) writes:

Mr. Hundt: Thank you for your efforts to ensure that the American public, and especially children, will have more quality programming on television. Children are especially vulnerable to violent and sexually explicit television programming.

As a mother of two children, ages eight and thirteen, I can tell a significant difference in my children's attitudes when they watch certain types of programs. We have to heavily censor what our children are allowed to watch just because broadcast and cable television refuse to act as responsible entities. In fact, the programs on television are becoming so violent and exhibit every kind of immoral lifestyle and attitude, my husband and I often turn the television off. Fortunately, there are channels on cable tv which have a good deal of redeeming value, such as the Discovery Channel, A&E, and PBS. And lastly, children should have access to the technologies of the future. Distance learning and access to the Internet can open so many doors for children all over this country. Our children need the best education we can provide. Regards, Lisa Bell

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Charles Sekafetz (csekafetz@fab4.intel.com) writes:

The devotion of a set amount of time to childrens educational programming is a great idea. With the rise in cable television viewers, the standard should be placed there too. How can we protect our children with an umbrella that is full of holes?

Classrooms and the Internet. With all the smut, there would have to be some way to prevent the children from accessing it. If the classroom Internet connections were limited to a few newsgroups, then the true functionality of the Internet has been demolished. Without proper regulation of the Internet, there is no way for you, nor I as a parent, to be sure that unrelated topics or conversations would occur.

Again, with the prevalence of cable in todays society, those stations should also make available to TV guides the educational value of a program. What is tolerable in New York City is not always viewed in the same manner as that in Billings. The local station, retransmitting the program, whether it is cable or broadcast, should be the one placing the ratings/educational values of the program.

The allotment of said airtime for educational broadcast tv, would be a great addition, but again, cable should be required to carry such broadcast tv in thier packages. This would ensure that the programming was being accessible to all.

These views are of my own, I speak not for the company which I work.

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Eric Peter Leikus (eleikus@vt.edu) writes:

I agree with most of your concerns with children's programing. However, I have two problems. My mother is a teacher in Baltimore County. She tells me about a program which is like interactive television. It is a very expensive program which makes some very big promises. In the teachers' opinion however, this money could be used for many other more useful purposes. I hope you have heard about the program to which I am refering to. Also, I am also confused about the FCC censoring radio broadcasters like Howard Stern. In my opinion the American people have a right to hear the comments and opinions of Howard Stern. The large fines which he has received seem quite ridiculous. Also, I believe that the government could use their time and money in a more sensible manner. I am not a "Howard Stern weirdo" but I believe that even though his opinions often differ from my own, we have a right to hear them. Thank you for your time and I would appreciate a response.

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Bryce E. Wilcox (bryce@colorado.edu) writes:

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I believe it is inappropriate for a government agency to control speech, whether the criteria for that control pertains to content, to speaker, to listener or any other criteria, whether the justification for that control is the public interest, the public morality, the greater good of the economy, or any other justification, and whether the means of that control are regulation, fines, criminal prosecution, or any other means of control.

Mr. Chairman, I firmly believe that the existence of your organization is morally wrong and practically counter-productive. If any legislator were to advertise that he planned to disband the FCC and leave the functions that it presently performs in the hands of the free market, that legislator would be a lot more likely to gain my vote.

I'm sorry to respond to such a friendly invitation for correspondence with such a negative letter, but my conscience demands no less.

Regards,
Bryce Wilcox
signatures follow

"To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

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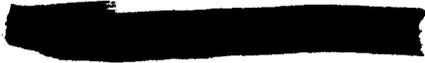
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Dennis Edward Goodwin (dgoodwin@kpt.nuwc.navy.mil) writes:

Bullet #1 - Is this to include time of day? (They could meet the requirement during the middle of the night!) Does any of this apply to cable only channels?

Bullet #2 - Who is to pay for this? Federal? State? Local? Remember, many local school district don't have much money! Also, "access" by itself does no good without a goal needing access.

Bullet #3 - This should apply to cable only channels, too.

Bullet #4 - On the surface this sounds good, but who is to determine the minimum standards to qualify as children programming? Or is it just a guise to push some product.

The above are quick ideas on you points. As many have said: "The devil is in the details!" So, too, are your proposals. How they get implemented (and watered down by political pressure) is what counts.

I am gratified that you have ASKED for input from the public. Continue to be proactive in this.

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Reginald J. Mitchell, Sr. (rmitchell2@csom.umn.edu) writes:

I am very interested in the future of telecommunications and its effect on children and society. I am not at all pleased with the tone of the present Congress and would like to do anything I can to help keep television, cable, the internet, and phone services available and safe.

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Paul staudenmayer (pauls@ieway.com) writes:

I agree with your proposals. I don't listen to radio much but TV ihas become worse than a waste land-- it is a trash dunnp. The airways are too prescious to be used for the trash that is on daily. You can't censor programs but there must be or needs to be regulations taking the airways back to the old days of decent language and behavior. I would urge my Congressional representatives to support any legislature that restores wholesome programming to our airways. Good Luck.....Paul

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