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Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street, N.W.
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It is my family's request to require every television station to air at least one hour of educational programming for children every day between 7 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

I was told to write to you to have this become a reality. It is very difficult to find programs on T.V. that we can all watch together. My sons are 8 and 10.

Thank you,



Elaine K. Pierce

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712 First Avenue
Harvey, La. 70058
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I appreciated your plea for public opinions regarding the telecommunications policy, as read in the New Orleans' Times Picayune letters to the editor.

As a grandmother of six children and as a school board employee, but mostly as a "traditional" devoted Catholic, I have long been concerned about the unhealthy influence of television and radio on our youth. We live in a selfish, violent, sex-oriented society and many children watch far too many hours of uncensored TV. I've heard, on more than one occasion, children from 6-12 discussing their watching the Playboy channel and "R" rated movies in their own rooms. As a person with strong Christian values, Censorship is Not a Dirty word!

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Dad's name is used as a swear word repeatedly on shows considered "family" entertainment, as well as comedy/variety shows. As a result of all the garbage coming into our homes on basic channels, I no longer watch TV except for the news, political shows, EWTN and an occasional movie. We discontinued HBO and Cinemax because we were constantly being offended by slurs and jokes about our Lord and our religion.

My purpose for this letter is to strongly recommend that the FCC make sure every broadcast TV station show a considerable amount of educational programming, especially for children. They learn from music when they don't even realize what they're learning. Look at the popularity of Sesame Street! Many of my Vietnamese students and their parents have learned English from Sesame Street.

I also urge broadcast TV stations to rate their shows in local newspaper TV guides, according to violence, sexual content, "adult" language, etc. (The "adult" language in even PG movies often offends me, it is totally unnecessary to stop to gether language)

Developed and programs such as the Discovery channel offers are usually informative and wholesome. Even adults need to continue ^{their} education. There's so much we could learn, if only the proper programming were offered. There are certain people who will watch TV no matter what is playing, so long as there's sound and movement to mesmerize them.

Please change the way our entertainment industry is wasted on foolish & insulting programs.

Sincerely,
Marsha Coffey Deneal