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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to tell how strongly I feel that measures must be taken now to clean up television, particularly the content of programs which are aired during the after-school and prime time hours when children are most likely to be watching. I also want to encourage you in this work, keeping in mind what is at stake.

Does anybody doubt that the coming generation offers the brightest hope for the continuation of any renewal that your and my generations now undertake? WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO RIGHT BY OUR CHILDREN, today--which means doing what we can at both ends of the broadcasting process to provide wholesome educational and entertainment programming. Government can impose a standard on stations by tying license renewals to each station's commitment to quality programming, such as that envisioned by the Contract for Kids and Community program. Please also work with your General Counsel to put forward a bill amending the Children's Television Act of 1990 to require at least 2 hours of educational programming for children each day between 7 am and 10 pm. Without question, parents must also take responsibility for what their children view. With an 18-month old son and another on the way, this is one of my missions. Public service announcements gently encouraging those parents who assume the TV is a benign appliance to use caution might also help.

I don't know whether you have worked before in government but I sincerely request that you make it a goal of your time in office to raise the level of television programming which our children see. Any lower and you might as well rate it X.

In a word, enough.

Very truly yours,

Charles C. Comey
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