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Hon. Reed Hunt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

I am extremely concerned about the "rating system" for TV programming being developed by the television industry or FCC for use in conjunction with a "V-Chip."

The proposed rating system and "V-Chip" must NOT be an excuse for the TV industry to shift responsibility for establishing and enforcing sound program standards from its own shoulders onto the shoulders of beleaguered parents OR for the FCC not to enforce the indecency law, again recently upheld by the Federal courts.

Opinion polls have repeatedly ^{shown} that a large majority of the population are concerned about the glut of sex, violence and vulgarity of TV. A primary part of this concern is the effect on children and youth. But I and many other adults are also personally offended by this trash and we do not feel that TV shows represent our values.

The TV industry says it is giving the public what it wants and that programming merely reflects reality. I feel that this programming actually reflects the moral vacuum of the liberal depraved people who run this industry; certainly not all, but a good many who are morally bankrupt.

Not that all TV programming is offensive or harmful. But, all too often, the TV industry serves its own interests, rather than the public interest. The current gargage on TV does ^{not} reflect "reality" for the vast majority of the American people who, unlike all too many TV characters and guests on daytime talk shows, are not jumping from bed to bed with just about anyone other than a spouse OR engaging in one violent or antisocial act after the other OR constantly cursing OR going through life without any need for God. Even many "reality-based" programs are more fiction than fact.

It has also been brought to my attention that Congress has instructed the FCC, "in consultation with appropriate public interest groups," to determine if rules established by the TV industry for rating TV programming are acceptable and, if not acceptable, to work with "appropriate public interest groups" in order to establish its rating system.

In either case, I urge you to include Morality in Media (212-870-3222) as one of the "public interest groups," This national, interfaith organization has been at the forefront of efforts to uphold standards of decency on radio and TV.

Sincerely,

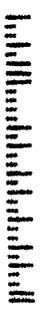
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

I am most concerned about the new "rating system" for TV programming being developed by the television industry or FCC, for use in conjunction with a "V-Chip."

A V-Chip and rating system must NOT be an excuse for the TV industry to shift responsibility for establishing and enforcing sound program standards off its own shoulders onto the shoulders of beleaguered parents, OR for the FCC to not enforce the broadcast indecency law, which, as you know, was again recently upheld by the Federal Courts.

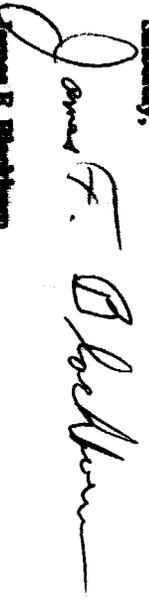
Opinion polls have repeatedly shown that a large majority of the population are concerned about the glut of sex, violence, and vulgarity on TV, as I am, and thus the reason for this letter. Large numbers of us feel personally offended and do not feel that TV shows represent our own values.

Nor does TV reflect "reality" for the vast majority of American people who, unlike all too many TV characters, are NOT jumping from bed to bed with anyone except spouse, OR engaging constantly in various violent or anti-social acts, causing, or living life with no need for God. Even many 'reality-based' programs are more fiction than fact.

Too often the TV industry serves its own interests, rather than the public interest, and reflects as 'reality' the liberies and values of a small percentage of amoral or totally depraved individuals, rather than community standards and values. Ratings and a "V-Chip" may have their place, but not to identify 'a steady stream of cultural sewage packaged as TV "entertainment." The answer to this type of programming is to curb it at its source.

Congress has instructed the FCC to determine if rules established by the TV industry for rating TV programming are enforceable, and if not, to work with "appropriate public interest groups" to establish its own rating system. Therefore, I urge you to include Monthly In Motion, (710-879-3222) as one of the "public interest groups." Since 1962 this national interfaith organization has been at the forefront of efforts to uphold standards of decency on radio and TV.

Sincerely,



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The TV industry says it is giving the public what it wants and that programming merely reflects reality. But opinion polls and statements from prominent liberal and conservative spokespersons show that most people do not want a steady diet of gratuitous sex, violence, and vulgarity on TV, either for themselves or their children.

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In either case, I urge you to include Morality in Media [212-870-3222] as one of the "public interest groups." Founded in 1962, this national, interfaith organization has been at the forefront of efforts to uphold standards of decency on radio and TV.

Sincerely, (Mr.) H. J. Lotz

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P.S. Please excuse the "form-letter" format; this does express my strong personal convictions as worded. Thank you. H.J.L.

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Hon. Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

My wife and I are part of the large majority of the population who are concerned about the sex, violence and vulgarity on TV. A primary part of this concern is the effect on children and youth. But large numbers of adults are also personally offended and do not feel that TV shows represent their own values.

We believe that the answer to this type of offensive programming is to *curb it at its source*.

And we are concerned that a "V-Chip" and rating system will be used as an excuse by the TV industry to shift responsibility off its own shoulders, or for the FCC to not enforce the broadcast indecency law, which was again recently upheld by the Federal courts.

We are aware that Congress has instructed the FCC to consult with appropriate public interest groups to determine if rules established by the TV industry for rating TV programming are acceptable and, if not acceptable, to work with these groups in order to establish its own rating system.

We urge you to include Morality in Media, phone 212-870-3222, as one of the public interest groups. This national organization has a goal to uphold standards of decency on radio and TV, and can be very helpful to you.

Thank you in advance for helping us in our constant efforts to raise law-abiding children, who have a healthy respect for the opposite sex.

Sincerely,



Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stelten

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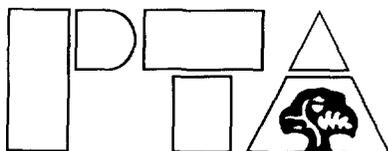
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The Honorable Reed Hundt
% The Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Suite 814
Washington, DC, 20554

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

The Illinois PTA and the National PTA strongly support a rule that would require television stations to broadcast at least 3 hours of children's programming per week. Many parents are demanding better television as demonstrated by the tremendous support for the v-chip provision. We urge the FCC to approve a 3 hour minimum rule as soon as possible.

Three hours is less than 2 percent of a week's programming. Surely, it is not too much to require three public service hours out of the week's 168 hours to dedicate to children and families.

The Illinois PTA and the National PTA oppose any FCC action that would compromise the 3 hour minimum. Anything less than specifying a quantitative minimum will take children's television back to "square one." Parents and children need a firm commitment from the FCC to the educational needs of America's children. If the FCC does not have the votes to approve a 3 hour minimum, we ask that a vote be delayed until sufficient support is secured.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Carolee Caplan, Immediate Past President
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

The attached letter says it all. I am told, however, that a personal letter is more effective than a form letter, so here is my position on the "rating system" in my own words.

I urge you to enforce the broadcast indecency law. I am one of a large segment of the population that is deeply offended by the garbage presented on TV.

I note that Congress has instructed your Commission to work with appropriate public interest groups. Please include Morality in Media when you carry out this instruction.

Sincerely,

Clara Demuling

Miss Clara Demuling
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