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April, 25, 1996

Hon, Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hunt:

My husband and I have doubts about the new rating system for TV programming. It is likely to give them an excuse to run the most objectable shows as long as they have a rating.

It is very important that the Fcc enforce the broadcast indecency law - which was recently upheld by the Federal courts

The shows that are on during prime time donot represent the values of the majority of TV viewers.

The programming of TV should represent community standards and values. As long as we have sex and violence we are not going to have safe homes or streets.

We would appreciate an answer to our letter.

Thank You,

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Dear Mr. Hunt,

I have followed with interest the new rating system for T.V. programming to be developed for use with the new V-chip.

I have several concerns about what may be permitted as a result of the V-chip. #1- It will be many years before all T.V. sets have been changed to include this chip #2- New children today are extremely intelligent and will find a way to by-pass this chip somehow #3 I fear the TV industry and/or the FCC will use it as an excuse to continue or increase the level of old violence, sex and vulgar language in their programming. #4- Parents will not have the time or will not make an effort to study all programs now available on the huge number of channels available for 18+ hours every day.

The programs which use to very good for family viewing from 7-9 pm are now very offensive with sexual double talk, bad language and children mouthing off to their superiors and this is presented as comedy.

If anyone really believes that children are not affected by what they see and hear they have never been parents, visited our classroom or read the head lines in the Daily paper.

I understand that Congress has instructed the FCC "in consultation with appropriate public interest groups" to determine if rules established by that authority for rating TV programming are acceptable or not to work with these groups to establish its own rating system.

I urge you to include Diversity in Media as one of these interest groups. They have been working since the public on T.V. & radio. Sincerely

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Hundt,

Everytime a T.V. is turned on, some form of violence is bound to be seen in some show. It is plainly obvious that children are the most affected by the violence since they are so impressionable. The Federal Communications Commission enacted the Children's Television Act to allow for more educational programs for children. Is the violence in the programs going to disappaer? Granted, there are quite a few channels to choose from especially if a person has cable. The channels that a person can choose range from the family channel to HBO. Perhaps the violence shown in T.V. shows is just a fad and will soon vanish. Can you forget that an Ohio 5-year old child burned down his family's trailer which was inspired by the Beavis and Butt-head show on MTV.

I am a concerned individual who plans to become a teacher in the near future. I need to know whether the broadcasters have increased their showing of educational television programs for children. Is there some form of proof like a chart that displays increased ratings for a particular T.V. station due to the broadcasting of children's television programs. Besides the enactment of the Children's Television Act, the Federal

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Communications Commission could sponsor activities like D.A.R.E. showing how children react to the violence on T.V. and what can be done to counteract the harmful acts that children might be inspired to perform due to the violence.

Sincerely,

Alanna J. Christiansen

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April 18, 1996

Hon. Reed Hunt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

Dear Chairman Hunt:

I am deeply concerned about the new "rating system" for TV programming, to be 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 of 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. 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.

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.

Nor does TV 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.

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, and reflects as "reality" the lifestyles 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.

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 own rating system.

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,

Stephan, Mary, Matthew and Mark
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