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To: Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

From: Marion G. Thompson
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Dear Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair,

Being a concerned parent and member of the PTA, I fully support the National PTA's position regarding the Children's Television Act. I would like to see the F.C.C. set standards to have at least one hour per day of specially designed educational and information programming on all T.V. stations.

I would like to see the definition of "educational and informational" programming redefined so it does not include cartoons such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" when reviewing license applications.

Regularly scheduled educational programs in standard length should meet the station's "core" programming under the Act. Programs should not be aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. under the core requirement of children's programming.

Respectfully,
Marion G. Thompson

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October 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hunt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hunt;

I am writing to you so as to express my view as a concerned citizen, and parent of Elementary School children. I am opposed to the lack lustre stand the FCC appears to be taking with regard to the powerful Television, "Public Domain" Networks regarding Childrens programing.

I feel the FCC should require as a minimum, atleast one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations. Consider carefully it's definition of "educational and informational" programming to be realistically applied to childrens programming, and finally - lead by example and have the courage to tell powerful T.V. lobbyists that we as a society put "Our Children first"! so should they.

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Respectfully,
K. Buckbrucker

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October 11, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As a parent and PTA member, I am writing to urge you to vote on October 16th to require all TV stations to produce at least one hour of educational and informational programming per day, or at least seven hours per week.

The Children's Television Act (CTA) requires broadcasters to serve the educational and informational needs of children as a condition for license renewal. The FCC rules must ensure compliance with the CTA by writing clear and specific guidelines in this area. The PTA supports the following guidelines:

A. Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and informational programming on all TV stations;

B. Redefine the FCC definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permits stations to cite programming such as "The Simpsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications;

C. Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the Act;

D. Exclude programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Quality children's programs in my community which meet these guidelines include Sesame Street, Reading Rainbow, NOVA, and Mr. Rodger's Neighborhood. Cartoons, sit-coms, and public service announcements do not meet these guidelines. As a parent and a PTA member, I would like to see more good quality programming for children. I would like to see all cartoons and shows depicting violence restricted from the airwaves during the times that children watch TV.

Voluntary steps toward improving children's television simply have not worked. Now is the time for the FCC to take action. No more stalling strategies by the industry. The time is right for the FCC to vote for children.

Sincerely,

Rita J. Schultz

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October 15, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Honorable Reed Hundt,

As a PTA president at Chouteau Elementary School in the North Kansas City School District I think the FCC should set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations.

I also think the FCC should redefine "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which allows stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons".

The FCC should be able to count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations. Programs offered before 6:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m. should not count.

Sincerely,
Mary M. Clark

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709 SE 10th Terrace
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
Oct 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable Hundt,

As a parent of three daughters and an active member of PTA, I urge you to set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations.

At the same time we must have the regulatory loophole closed which permits stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" to qualify for this type of programming.

Please insure that only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs meet the core programming obligations and please exclude programs aired before 6 a.m. or after 10 p.m. from counting toward these core requirements.

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Please have the courage to stand up for children every where and raise the standards of TV programming in the United States.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Hunzinger

Mary J. Hunzinger

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Dear FCC,

We strongly feel that the programming should include a total of seven hours per week of educational and informational programming. These should be aired between the hours of 6 A.M. and 10 P.M.

Our children can use that great medium known at T.V. to enhance their education and still be enjoyed fully. Please encourage your great creative minds to produce these kind of quality programs.

Thank you,
a parent,
Sandra Diehl

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To whom it may concern:

The fact is I have worked with children for the past 25 yrs as an educator in the state of Mo. which is definitely Midwest and conservative. I have never viewed myself as conservative and have been a democrat in my political views. Censorship is my least favorite idea in any form, However, I have seen the moral decline in children in a significantly more observable amount in the past 6-10 yrs.

My experience with children cross the state from rural, suburban to urban. Kids spend hours at home by themselves, being directed to "stay in the house" for the time before and after school until the parent gets home. The TV + video games provide a fill for this time (ie) shaping the child's moral development as to what is ok.

Wow! Doesn't that scare the hell out of you? Me -- I find it appaling that kids view violence as funny, and that they aren't able to understand when corrected for violent acts to other children when on the playground, etc. I also am strongly concerned about the role models kids align themselves with these days. They are TV personalities that aren't identified except for their ability to bully others, throw their weight around or can kill the most the fastest.

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The fact is we MUST turn this around!!
Quality children's programming is necessary during
those hours when kids are likely to be in front
of the TV due to working schedules of parents.

Peggy Thompson

Honorable Reed Hundt,
The F.C.C.
1919 M Street, NW
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Lisa Petersen
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Dear Mr Hundt,

As the parent of two young boys, I am very concerned with the lack of safe programming available for them. By the word safe, I mean programming that does not contain gratitous violence, overt sexual role assignments or any notable educational or informational content.

I strongly feel that all TV stations should be required to carry programming that is educational, informative and geared for children for a minimum of one hour each day.

Guidelines for such programming should be written to exclude the violent, commercially motivated programs so dear to sponsers hearts. Vintage re-runs of outdated cartoons and sit-coms should also be excluded.

These programs should be in standard one-half hour or hour times slots. Scheduling should occur when children are awake and available between 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM with some emphasis on after school hours.

Stations should also take care not

to advertise or promote explicite products or programming during these childrens shows.

I think the TV stations are failing in their obligation to children and parents. I also feel it is your responsibility and opportunity to initiate such programming for our children.

Sincerely,
Lisa Petersen

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October 15, 1995

Dear Honorable Reed Hundt,

I am writing to you on the issue concerning the Federal Communications Commission position on strengthening the Children's Television Act. I would like to see the FCC: ① set a standard of at least one hour per day specifically designed educational and information programming on all TV stations; ② redefine its definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the legislatory loophole which permit stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications; ③ count only standard length, regularly-scheduled education programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the Act; ④ and exclude programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Please take this into consideration upon placing your vote

Thank You,

Paula Taylor

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To: FCC
RE: Educational Programming

I feel strongly that there should be a standard set of at least one hour a day of educational programs on all TV stations.
I feel that programs such as Jetsons & Flintstones do not meet this requirement to renew license applications.
In order to be effective these programs should be aired during times

that children are home and awake such as the hours between 3-5 on weekdays and 9-12 on Saturdays.

As a parent, educator and a member of MOPTA I feel strongly about the garbage available for children with no leadership and guidance.

Thanks,

Melody Gustafson
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October 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Comission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

As a parent of two vulnerable school aged children, I am in favor of requiring all TV stations to have at least 7 hours of ~~specifically~~ specifically designed educational & information programming for children. (7 hours per week)
In addition this programming should be conducted between 6:00 A.m. - 10:00 pm not when they are sleeping.

You must realized how this programming would benefit both of us. My benefit my children would learn more. There is no such thing to learn too much. They don't need the exploitation of sex & violence. The programming we have now is too much. What are we teaching our kids to do - KILL? Violence & sex is OKAY?

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Your benefit - Maybe your children are grown and they don't need the benefits

of the children's network. Wrong!
Remember in crimes they are victims
and victim's families. I pray
your or my family never have to
be the victims.

As a parent I am doing the best
I can to raise my children. I can
turn off the television when the
sex & violence appear, but who
will turn off the sets for the
future murderers & sex offenders?
Society does change our children
no matter how we raise them.
Please help me raise my children—
give them more quality & educational
television time! Bring back more down
to earth TV shows like Andy Griffith shows.
Wouldn't it be great to have a society like
Andy Griffith where the local bum shows
~~them~~ not to drive home when intoxicated,
where people care & help everyone else, and
where it's safe to walk the streets. It's a
great dream that we can never have
but we can slow it down, our pace we are
going now. Education our children.

TV stations don't care about our children — they just care about filling their pockets with money. Make the decisions for them — Set Strict Standard Rules regarding more educational programming.

Give my children a chance. Set the standards higher not lower.

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Sir,

I am sorely disappointed with the T.V. programs we have available today. I strongly support a revision and upgrade in our countrys television viewing. My position includes that the FCC:
1) Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations, during children viewing hours times.
2) Redefine its definition of "educational and informational programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permit stations to air programs such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications
3) Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the Act
4) Exclude programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Thank you for supporting the efforts in demanding

higher standards for our country's children.

Sincerely Concerned,

Mary R. Combs

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Dear Members of the FCC:

I wish to have my voice heard concerning the Children's Television Act. As the mother of 3 young children, I have growing concerns about the quality of children's programs on television. We have become avid VCR tape collectors in our family because it seems that is the only way in which we can control what our family is exposed to on the airwaves. It would be wonderful to view shows such as "The Magic School Bus" series five days a week instead of the infamous Power Rangers (that shows in our area 6 days a week!).

I do not understand why it is we have to try and convince a group of people (who I am sure at least a few of them are parents themselves!) that we need more time and more quality put into our children's television programming. I feel this is a critical issue and as a PTA Chairman, I would hope it is an

issue that will receive it's due attention.

I fully support the National PTA's position on this matter and would hope you will consider it fully.

Thank you,

Marsha L. Early
2nd Vice-President
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October 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir,

I am writing for support of my children's TV viewing. I support a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations. We need to redefine the definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the loophole which permits non-educational programs not to qualify. Please consider these issues before you.

Sincerely,
Gayle L'Doherty

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Oct. 14, 1995

Dear Mr. Hundt and FCC Directors

[redacted] a parent, I just want to state my increasing concern and shock at what I see on television. I have two children, ages 9 & 11. As all children are different so are ours. One of my children is self-disciplined and will turn off anything she thinks is not good -- the other child is more curious and will watch, and then later pay for graphic and vulgar materials he has seen through bad dreams or thoughts he can't get out of his mind.

Many people say "just turn it off" as an argument -- but can we trust our children to do that? We can't be by their side at all times, as no parent can. They do know what they are allowed to watch, but even commercials at

times are offensive and give feelings of fear and discomfort.

I ask you to evaluate your guidelines to include more educational programming and to eliminate blatant violence and sex on public access shows.

Thank you for your time and consideration! I know your job is not an easy one.

Sincerely,

Debbie Herren

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
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10/15/95

Re: Comments to the Federal Communications Commission related to strengthening the Children's Television Act (CTA)

Dear Sir,

I believe the FCC should set a standard of at least (1) hour per day of specially-designed educational + information programming on all TV stations; (the FCC proposes (5) hours per week)

We need to redefine its definition of "educational + informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permits stations to categorize programs such as "The Jetsons," and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications. Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs for meeting a station