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or after 10:00 PM from  
counting toward the core  
requirement of children's  
programming.

Regards,  
Christine Roseman  
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Oct. 14, 1995

Gentlemen:

Please set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational programming on all TV stations.

Please exclude programs aired before 6:00 A.M. or after 10:00 P.M. from counting toward the core requirement for children's programming.

Please count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming under the Act.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Martin

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Please set a standard of at least one hour a day specifically designed for educational programming. Please include the commercials - What are we exposing our kids to?

Please more specifically define "educational and informational" to mean just that. Things like Hintstones and Folsom, although entertaining, do not, in anyway, currently reflect the past or future and should not be permitted as educational or informational.

Please count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's core programming obligation under the Children's Television Act. Please have these programs only count within a child's regular viewing time frame (such as 4 to 10 pm)

Thank you for listening.



St. Louis, MO

Sincerely,  
Carol Steinbalk

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October 16, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
The Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

As a parent and grandparent of young children, I am appalled at the quantity and quality of children's television programming. While our two public broadcasting stations have educational programs for children such as Barney, Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, Sesame Street, etc., the commercial television stations offer little in the way of "educational and informational" programming suitable for young children.

While parents should share responsibility for what their children watch on television, they cannot do the job themselves. The market has not responded to providing more and better children's programming, and parents need the active help of the FCC to improve TV quality.

Please consider strengthening the Children's Television Act by adding the following language to the rules of the act:

1. Require the following for "educational programming":
  - programming that has education as a "significant purpose"
  - programs that air between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
  - programs that are regularly scheduled and of substantial length (at least 15 minutes)
  - written statement provided by stations on the educational objectives and the child audience targeted by the programming
2. Require stations to identify educational children's programming when it airs to help parents choose these shows.
3. Mandate that stations air a minimum of three hours per week of educational shows for children. This requirement will rise to five hours per week over a period of several years.

As you contemplate changes in the Children's Television Act, please remember the time is right for the FCC to vote for children.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Parkinson  
President

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
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Chairman Hundt,

I am a parent of 2 small children and have become disappointed with the Television programming available today.

I support a revision and upgrade in Television viewing. My position includes:

- Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information programming on all TV stations; (the FCC proposes five hours per week)
- Redefine its definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permit stations to cite programs such as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications;
- Count only standard length, regularly-

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Scheduled educational programs  
as meeting a station's "core"  
programming obligations under  
the Act;

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

Sincerely,

Mona Rhodes

Oct 14, 1995

To: The Honorable Reed Hundt,  
 From: Karen Bellah, Secretary, Ewin PTSA  
 Hickman Mills School Dist., KC MO

I would like the FCC to set a standard of at least 1 hour per day of educational and informational programming on all TV stations. I also would like the FCC to define that same programming so no loopholes would permit stations to run cartoons on their license renewal applications. I wish the FCC would count only standard length regularly-scheduled educational programs.

Please exclude programs that air before 6:00 A.M. or after 10:00 P.M. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

I hope the FCC considers ~~in~~ these issues relating to the CTA.  
 Thank you.

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Oct. 14, 1995

To the Federal Communication  
Commission:

Please keep America's children  
foremost in your thoughts while  
planning future programming.

Educational and informational  
programming should be very closely  
defined to close blatant loopholes.

We as concerned parents want  
to request at least one hour of informational  
and educational programming per day.  
Excluding programs aired before 6:00am  
and after 10:00pm from counting the  
requirement for children's  
programming.

Thank you

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

I am writing as a concerned parent of children's television programming. Educational and informational programs that are on are not as I see them. Are cartoons really educational and informational? If feel that it is just an excuse to air them and get sponsors.

There is not enough time set aside by your regulations per week to teach a child anything. I feel television should offer at least two to two and a half hours per day of educational and informational programming, not scheduled before 6am or after 9pm.

Children learn from what they see and hear. How many times have we heard that? The shows on television today are not fit for children. The language is awful. I feel shows with foul language, sex and violence should all be aired after 9:00.

I do not use my television as a babysitter, I use it as a reward. Some reward! If I had my way I would get rid of my television!

Sincerely,  
-Tina Turner

Ms. Tina Turner  
LISA BODE

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CLAUDIA BROWN  
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Oct 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
The Federal Communications Commission  
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Mr. Hundt,

This letter is to address the Children's Television Act. The issues I strongly support and <sup>wish you</sup> to endorse, <sup>constitute the</sup> ~~the~~ following position:

- 1) Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and information on all TV stations;
- 2) Redefine the definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory 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 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.

Please consider our children, our future. We need to be our children's advocate without regard for corporate or personal financial gain. We have a responsibility to pass laws and rules and set exemplary standards that are positive and visionary.

I implore the Federal Communications Committee to include the four (4) statements above in the

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Children's Television Act (CTA) and protect our  
LIVING RESOURCES: our CHILDREN.

Most Sincerely as a mother of two (2) precious children  
and member of the PTA,

Claudia Brown

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10-14-95

Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing this letter today out of concern for the children of this nation. As a parent, I would like to have the option of choosing quality, informational programming for my children. Until this type of programming is made readily available, I do not have this option!

I request you to further strengthen the Children's Television Act by setting a standard of at least one hour per day of educational programming aired during the hours of 7am to 9pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Becky L. Rudd

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10-14-95

Dear Mr. Hurdt,

This letter is encourage further strengthening on the position of the Childrens Television Act.

As an educator, we recommend more educational and informational programs on all TV stations.

Turning off the knob" is not the answer to reducing TV's influence on children. Many children are left unattended to watch any choice they might make. As responsible adults, we must provide proper choices for our children. If it is on the TV, children will watch the shows, whatever they may be. (Violent, explicit etc).

We have watched not only children change, but society also, as we watch & model actors frustrated & depressed.

We need positive replisting shows. To wonder our society has become a backbiting, negative, hateful one, let's on every Channel every day.

Please consider this as you consider your programming.

Sincerely,

O Lena Furnworth

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

Dear Sir:

As a concerned parent and active PTA advocate for the welfare and interest of children, I urge you to consider the following:

- Set a standard of at least 1 hour per day of educational and informational programming on all TV stations.
- Redefine the definition; "educational + informational" programming. • Count only standard length regularly-scheduled educational program as meeting a station's "core" programming obligation under the Act. • Exclude program aired before 6:00 AM or after 10:00 PM from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Cora Singer

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
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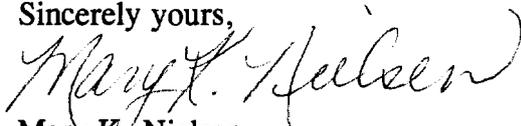
Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Indian Trail Elementary School PTA and families who would urge the Federal Communications Commission to strengthen the Children's Television Act (CTA). The changes requested by concerned parents and PTA's before the commission would improve the quality of educational programming available to our communities' students through TV viewing.

In the small town of La Porte, Indiana, many families' television options are limited to local and national TV stations only, and not the other educational programming available through cable or satellite, such as National Geographic, or The Learning Channel. It is extremely important for your commission to set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically designed educational and informational programming on all TV stations. By educational and informational programming our PTA also supports the National PTA position that would tighten the regulatory loophole which qualifies such programs as "The Jetsons" and the "Flintstones" toward the required hour. In addition, we feel that only regularly scheduled educational programs after 6:00a.m. and before 10:00p.m. should qualify toward the core requirement, as these are the hours children are actively viewing TV. Quality programming should be instrumental in teaching values or facts such as "Barney", "Sesame Street", "Reading Rainbow", or "The Magic Schoolbus" to cite just a few which have aired or are currently being aired in this area.

Please support our school's and the National PTA's position on strengthening the CTA-it was enacted to serve the needs of our children. In today's society, the American student has more access and opportunity to view TV programming than ever - Let's all make it an educational and informational resource that will aid them in their future successes.

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chair  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I feel very strongly that the FCC should make the networks put on more children's programming. This programming should be defined so that they cannot claim that a rerun of The Jetsons is "educational."

As you know, the average child spends many hours a week watching television, often more time than they spend in school; and almost every literate person agrees that most of it is garbage. At the same time educational achievement levels are falling, and the incidence of child violence, even murder, is increasing.

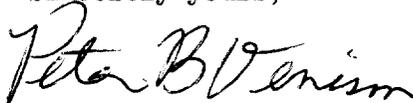
TV executives like to argue that making them set aside time for children's programming is interfering with their First Amendment rights. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is much sex and violence on prime time TV which I personally deplore, but I am not asking that these programs be censored. I simply request more time for children.

The airwaves belong to the American people. As it is not possible for every person to have his/her own TV or even radio station, the airwaves have to be licensed by the government, and the stations awarded to a few people or corporations.

This license is a privilege, not a right. (If it were a right, every person in this country would have one.) The privilege in the past has always come with an obligation to devote some radio or TV time to public service uses, news programs, cultural programs which may appeal to a limited audience, and certainly children's programming. This obligation is simply part payment to the American people - represented by their government - for the privilege of using the rest of broadcast time in profit making activity. To claim that such an obligation is an infringement on free speech has no standing in fact or in logic; it is simply helping to pay at least part of what the airwaves are worth. If these executives don't wish to make such a payment, I am sure there are other bidders out there who would be glad to take over.

Please make a ruling which will provide at least a few hours per week of wholesome and educational shows for children to watch. They need it, and their parents want it.

Sincerely yours,



Peter B. Denison

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Dear FCC,

I am writing to you  
in support of strengthening  
the Children's Television Act.  
The FCC needs to designate  
appropriate educational programs  
for kids during appropriate  
hours; (example between 6am-10pm)  
We need to promote educational  
and informational programs that  
are truly that and not  
those which are now deemed  
educational like cartoons etc...  
Our children deserve the  
best we can give them and  
we know the networks could  
if encouraged do this with

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creativity and still maintain  
that ever present bottom line.

we appreciate your efforts  
and please "Keep Children First."

Sincerely

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October 14, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hest, Chair  
 The Federal Communication Commission  
 1919 M Street, NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20554

Chairman Hest:

As a parent of three children and a citizen who is committed to the well being of all children, I strongly request that you and the other voting members of the F.C.C. vote to strengthen the Children's Television Act by:

- ① Setting a standard of at least one hour/day of educational and informational programming, rather than just hours/week.
- ② Redefining the definition of "educational and informational" programming.
- ③ Counting only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the "Act."
- ④ Excluding programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from counting toward the core programming requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of this  
issue.

Respectfully,

Lynn Drozicki

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October 15, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
The Federal Communications Commission  
1919 "M" Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt,

As a parent, PTA member and PTA officer I am writing to urge you to support changes to the Children's Television Act. I am the Legislative Officer for the 90 local units in Region 2 of the Washington State PTA, representing 15,000+ members in suburban Seattle. We believe that voluntary guidelines have not been adequate in providing quality viewing options for parents and young people.

We support the National PTA Position:

- \*A minimum of one hour per day of programming specifically designed for children
- \*Redefine "educational & informational" so that programs such as "The Jetsons" & "The Flintstones" do not qualify
- \*Count only standard length, regularly scheduled programs
- \*Exclude programs aired before 6:00am or after 10:00pm

Broadcasters use the public airwaves free of charge. Parents are desperate for quality options for their children's viewing. Low income parents are particularly at a disadvantage. They may not be able to provide access to community and cultural events. They may not be able to afford the cable tv options of channels specializing in childrens programming. They most certainly cannot afford the computers and CD Roms found in most affluent homes. They need your support and assistance most of all. Can you, in good conscience, ignore their plight?

I urge you to support needed changes to the Children's Television Act.

Sincerely,

*Marilyn Enright (206) 868-4011*

Marilyn Enright, Region 2 Legislative Chair  
Washington State PTA

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October 13, 1995

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair  
The FCC  
1919 M Street NW  
Washington DC 20554

SUBJECT: Strengthening the Children's Television Act (CTA)

Television impacts children more than any other mode of communication.

Whereas there has been movement to the positive referring to informing parents of TV programming content - MORE must be done. Guidelines may be set - but they must be enforced.

Some improvement is a positive program viewed during peaktime. Unfortunately more negative programming is shown. Children need positive role models - who have the ability to increase self esteem, image, and values. Television has become the role model for children. Unfortunately, television teaches children to shoot guns, beat people, curse at them, and beat others with little or no respect. Television needs to be CLEANED UP Please help our children.

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Oct. 14, 1995

Dear Sir:

As a parent of 3 children aged 6, 11, and 13, I am concerned about the quality of programming for children. Please consider the 4 points that the National PTA has as its position:

- 1) Set a standard of at least hour per day of educational programming.
- 2) Redefine the definition of educational programming that allows loopholes (such as the "Flintstones" being an educational program).
- 3) Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs to meet a station's "core" programming requirements.
- 4) Exclude programs before 6 AM or after 10 PM from counting toward the core requirement.

I know several people who have made it a household rule to not have the TV on from Monday through Thursday every week. There are very few "family" shows even aired any more. The shows that are on TV portray single-parent families, black <sup>attempted</sup> families, groups of young people with sexual references being