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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Chairman Hundt,

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to hold a public hearing as part of its review of the television industry's ratings system.

As the Central Region Program Coordinator for the National Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) I am very concerned that the recently implemented television ratings system does not address the needs of parents. FCE and its affiliated state associations are grass-roots organizations which have been actively involved in family issues for the past 60 years.

The questions generated by the current age-based television ratings system deserve a public hearing. We urge you to hold such a hearing soon on this issue which is so important to families in America today.

Sincerely,

Jody Watermann
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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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So much TV programming
offends all Americans.
With the coming of the V-chip,
the FCC must reject the
"flawed" ratings proposed by
National Public Alliance of America
and substitute a system that
rates programming by content as
parents demand. Sincerely,
Alvin Laska

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Attention: Mr. Reed Hundt,

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We are not in favor of the new TV rating system. We need a more specific information system, to help us base our decisions when our children are going to watch a program on television. We are the parents and we are the ones who needs to decide what programs are suitable for our children, and not Mr. Jack Valenti or Hollywood Industry. We urge you to reject the rating system.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Albert Caudill Jr.

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to request that a public hearing be held regarding the television rating system. I feel strongly that parents need to know more about the contents of each program than the present system allows.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mildred M. Marshall

Mildred M. Marshall
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Hunt,

As concerned educators, my husband and I would like to express our dissatisfaction with the new TV rating system. I am director of a parent education consulting firm, my husband is a pediatrician. We have been watching the "prime time" sitcoms since the new season started and are horrified at what is discussed during the "family hour."

Granted PG means parental guidance is suggested, however, it is shame that most humor these days must come from sexual discussion, crudity, and the putting down of others. It says to us that writers are lacking talent if they must rely on such banal topics.

Our three children are grown now. We enjoy some of the shows, but feel that such material is more appropriate after 9pm. We are grateful that we do not have to monitor the viewing of young children anymore. It is becoming impossible to find much good, family entertainment. Often parents don't know until they are into a show that the material will become inappropriate.

We are doing our best to educate parents to the pitfalls, but someone has to start showing some restraint. It certainly does not appear that the media industries are willing to do so.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Hundt,

The Government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans, both adult and children from indecent programming on TV.

I urge you, as Chairman of the FCC, to change the Commission's policy and enforce the broadcast indecency laws against TV stations.

I believe the the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and substitute a system that rates programming by content, as parents demand.

Sincerely,

Mrs. P. Schumacher

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Dear Sir:

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Because the FCC has not enforced the Federal Broadcast indecency law against TV stations is a primary reason why so much TV programming offends all Americans.

As the Supreme Court says "there is a right of the nation to maintain a decent society."

The grass roots American people want the FCC to change its policy and enforce the Broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

The FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Assn. and substitute instead a system that rates programming by content as parents demand.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Dolores Hynes
& Family

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secrecy

Dear Chairman Hurdle,

I would like the Commission to change its policy and enforce the broadcast decency law against TV stations.

I would also like the FCC to reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Assoc. (MPAA).

I would like it substituted for a system that places programs for content, as per parents demand.

In the words of the Supreme Court "There is a right of the Nation ... to maintain a decent society."

Thank you.

Cyndi Gray

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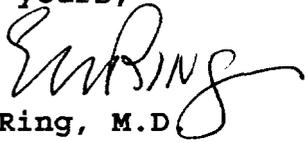
Chairman Reed F. Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
Mass Media Bureau - Room 814
1919 M Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I wish to emphasize public approval of the V-chip for inclusion in the new television sets and to avoid the movies—rating categories that their spokesman gave. These age-based ratings are too complicated, and ratings should be at least something simpler - perhaps what is used in the movies.

One can count on these television producers not labeling their program contents satisfactorily. This little fellow with the white hair who speaks for the movie and television industry is just not believable.

Very truly yours,



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Chairman Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am an American who is extremely offended by most of what TV has to offer, and I am sure that I am not alone! It is obvious that the past failure of the Federal Communications Commission to enforce the Federal broadcast indecency law against TV stations is a primary reason why so much TV programming offends all Americans.

Our government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans - both adults and children - from indecent programming. In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation...to maintain a decent society."

I want to see the Commission change its policy and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations. In this way, an important step will be made to provide the "decent society" about which our Supreme Court speaks. With the dawn of the V-chip, the FCC must reject the flawed ratings proposal from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and substitute instead a system that rates programming by content, as parents demand.

I would like to hear from you, as Chairman of the Commission, as to what you are doing to enforce standards of decency now and how you plan to do more in the near future.

Sincerely,



Paulette Freundorfer

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to request that a public hearing be held regarding the television rating system.

Yours truly,

Sheila G. Jackson

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
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Re: New TV Ratings System

Dear Honorable Hundt:

We want to voice our objections to the new TV ratings system. It's completely useless, having the rating shown for only 15 seconds at the start of each program. With most of the shows being objectionable for children in some way, i.e., violence, sex, language, etc., the rating should be displayed either continuously or, at least, every five minutes or so throughout the program.

We also would like to see descriptive ratings in the TV guides so that parents can judge beforehand what their children can watch. As it is now, there is little or nothing to guide parents as to the content of most shows until it's too late in the program and one has to explain to the child that you are turning off the set because of inappropriate content.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. W. Urmetz
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Urmetz
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Dear Sir:

I would like to encourage you to change the FCC policy on the new TV ratings System. I believe the current system is flawed.

I also believe that a **decent society** cannot be maintained under the present system.

Why can't all this indecent exposure be put on cable only stations, where people Who want to watch this smut, have to pay for it, and I hope at a premium cost.

Let us have **family** viewing back. Let us keep our **families** wholesome.

Sincerely yours,



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Consumer Service

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to let you know that I would like to see the FCC change its current policy and move to enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

Much of the TV programming today offends many Americans. I believe the primary reason for this is the past failure of the FCC to enforce the Federal broadcast indecency law against TV stations.

The Government has a valid interest in protecting all Americans -- both adults and children -- from indecent programming. In the words of the Supreme Court, there is "a right of the Nation ... to maintain a decent society."

With the invention of the V-Chip, the FCC must discard the stupid ratings proposal from the MPAA. Most parents would like to see a system that rates programs by content.

Please, for the sake of our society, enforce the broadcast indecency laws.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Hundt:

Unless the Federal Communication Commission enforces the Federal broadcast indecency law against TV stations, both adults and children will continue to be exposed to indecent programming. The response will benefit all of us as the TV stations will respond and then achieve their potential for good versus evil.

Also the Motion Picture Association of America's flawed ratings proposal should be rejected in favor of a system that rates programming by content, as parents need and demand.

Let's do it,

Inda Bizzarri

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