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

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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

Please change the commission's policy and enforce the broadcast indecency law against TV stations. Past failure in this area is a primary reason why all too much TV programming is offensive.

Also, 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.

We are "one Nation under God" because our founding fathers said so and because, 200 years later, we the American people, choose to be.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Anne Kuntzel (Name)

17 Grandview Ave (Address)

Linda P. Pachy, Jr.
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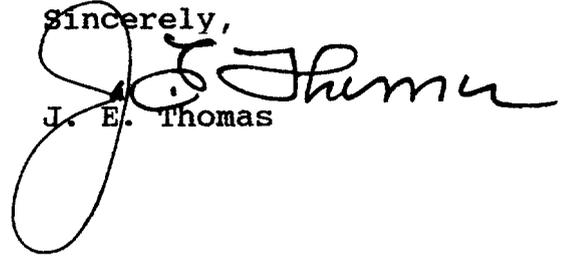
March 6, 1997
3009 Oakland Drive
Cleveland, TN 37312

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the age-based rating system for television programming. I would prefer a content-based system and the restoration of the Family Hour to clean-up television.

Sincerely,



J. E. Thomas

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**MR. REED HUNDT
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M. STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

DEAR MR. HUNDT:

I AM WRITING ASKING THAT THE NEW RATING SYSTEM BE REJECTED AS IT NOW STANDS.

UNDER THE PRETENSE OF PROVIDING HELP TO PARENTS, THE INDUSTRY HAS DONE THE OPPOSITE. THEY TELL PARENTS THAT ALL PROGRAMS RATED TV-Y, TV-7, TV-G, TV-PG, AND TV-14, REGARDLESS OF CONTENT OR THEME, ARE SUITABLE FOR KIDS AND YOUTH.....AND GET THIS~~~~~THE PERSON WHO PRODUCES THE PROGRAM IS THE ONE WHO RATES IT! NO INPUT FROM THE VIEWING PUBLIC IS ALLOWED. THERE WILL BE NO CONSISTENT PERSPECTIVE USED IN THE RATINGS SINCE HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS WILL BE DOING THE RATINGS BASED ON THEIR OWN INTEREST.

PLEASE REJECT THE RATINGS AS THEY NOW STAND.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Robert Hopkins
Pamela Hopkins*

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Box 247
Paw-Paw, ID 61353-0247

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

Commissioner 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.

The National Association for Family & Community Education and its affiliate, FCE-Illinois State Association, as well as the Lee County Homemakers Education Association are grass-roots organizations which have been actively involved in family issues for the past 60 plus years. We are very concerned that the family issue of the recently implemented television ratings system does not address the needs of parents.

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,

Elizabeth E. Merriman

I feel that much needs to be done, as young people are being shown smoking, drinking, sex + many other bad habits, on a regular basis on many current shows. Please lets do something, so perhaps some of gangs, gun toters, and knife people can be given some better direction. Even I cant stomach some of the shows.
Thank God for remotes

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Hon. Reed Hundt, Chairman
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 1919 M St NW
 Washington, D.C 20554
 Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing
 to let you know that I am
 thoroughly opposed to the
 age-based T.D. patent system.
 Any system of patenting T.D.
 programs can only be
 honestly patented by content

Contrary to those
 who are creating all
 this fith, the majority of
 viewers are not blood
 thirsty sex organs looking
 for demented thrills but
 decent people seeking entertainment

Please vote by content
 Barbara C. Taylor

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Dear Reed Hundt:

The ratings system that Hollywood has put together is made directly to erode the standards of decency in the lives of the youth of our nation. Hollywood's values differ sharply from that of the general public. So please reject the ratings system!

A concerned parent,

Bertha L. Ziegler

P.O. Box 624

Falling Waters, WV

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Dear Mr Hundt,

I am writing to tell you I am opposed to the age-based television system and want a content-based system. Even as a female in my twenties, I monitor my television viewing. Before watching something, I would like to know if there is going to be any violence, sexual content, or foul language.

Sincerely,
Lauren Hill

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SINCERELY YOURS,

*Neil L. Wilson
Drene Jenkins
Scott Partin for
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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman, Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am very concerned about the quality of television presentations. I believe the ratings should be based on contents and not on age.

We have settled for watching the news and reruns on Nick at Night as we do not like all the sex, sex, sex and language on the main shows.

Even if shows are rated, the commercials for lurid shows are pretty graphic, even if they are brief.

Our youth are too precisus to be bombarded with scenes constantly portraying that this type of behavior is okay.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Matzinger
Dorothy M. Matzinger
5136 Heritage Way
Traverse City, Mi. 49684

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Jeffrey B. Kaplan
19 Bradley Drive
New City, New York 10956-6740

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Chairman Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Sir:

I believe that the current tv rating system is virtually useless to parents trying to decide what their children will watch and when to use a V-chip. I propose that we replace the current system consisting of the ratings TV-G through TV-M with a three digit VAP rating indicating the level of Violence, Addult situations and Profanity in the program. Each digit will have a value of 0, 1 or 2. The first digit indicates the level of violence, where 0 would indicate no violence, 1 might indicate fisticuffs, and 2 may indicate guns and bloodshed. The second digit indicates the level of adult situations where 0 would indicate no adult situations, 1 might indicate mild sexual situations and 2 may indicate incest or explicit sex. The third digit would similarly indicate the level of profanity, where 0 would indicate no foul language, 1 might indicate mild cursing and 2 could indicate vile language. There would be 27 possible VAP ratings ranging from 000 to 222, far more than the number available under the current system. V-chips could be set to block programming having a subset of all VAP ratings, giving parents finer control over the content of the programs their children watch. The VAP rating system will also be easy to remember and use.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey B. Kaplan

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The North Carolina
Extension Homemakers Association, Inc.

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Sincerely,
Katharine A. Ziegler - Oak Grove
Franklin, N.C. Extension Homemakers

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CARROLL M. SWENSON

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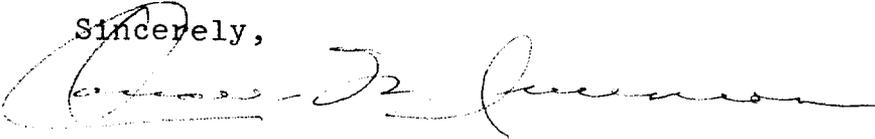
The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr Hundt,

This is to communicate to you my opposition to the "Age-Based
Television Ratings System."

Rather, I am herewith expressing my preference of a "Content-
Based System" of ratings.

Sincerely,



Carroll M. Swenson

P.S. A part of what motivates me to write this letter is what
serial killer Ted Bundy said, ". . . Pornography can reach out
and snatch a kid out of any house today."

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CORONA-NORCO PTA COUNCIL

Cindy Holmes
President

...Where Children Come First...

2820 Clark Avenue
Norco, CA 91760

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February 21, 1997

Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Hundt:

Our PTA Council has discussed the new age-based TV rating system that has recently been activated. Our 13,000 members feel strongly that a content-based rating system would be much more effective and helpful to parents as they review television programs for their children.

The National PTA has informed us that the Federal Communications Commission is providing parents with a forum to voice their opinion on this issue, and for this we are grateful.

Our desire to use a content-based rating system is supported by many studies showing a similar preference by thousands of parents. U.S. News & World Report reported that 62% of parents voted for this type of system (Sept 9, 1996). 73% of Americans support this system according to a survey by the Freedom Forum (Dec 12, 1996). And according to a National PTA comprehensive national survey, 80% of parents prefer a system that identifies program content (sex, violence, and language) rather than the age group the program is intended for. (Nov 21, 1996).

We ask that the Federal Communications Commission will reconsider the new TV ratings system and implement a content-based system in its place. We all agree that parents have an extremely difficult challenge raising children in today's society. Influences from multiple media sources make choices so confusing for our young people in their value formation. It is imperative for parents to monitor these sources, and one excellent method is a content-based television ratings system.

Sincerely,

Corona-Norco PTA Council
Patrice Maturkanich
3rd Vice-President, Advocacy

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Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Pending Television Rating System

Dear Mr. Hundt,

Because of the flood of TV violence, sex, and bad language, I feel that the rating system needs to be based on CONTENT rather than age. Also, there needs to be a return to respecting THE FAMILY HOUR at which time only wholesome and appropriate programs are aired.

The current trend of television programs is contributing to the moral decay of our once great nation. I urge you to base the new television rating system on content of programs, which will be a better guide for parents trying to monitor their children's TV viewing.

Sincerely,

Rosie Zamora

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10824 Inglewood Ave
Port Richey, Fl 34668
March 4, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

I am not going to beat around the bush. I am appealing to you to restore good wholesome programing to families and use the content based rating system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donna Woods

Mrs. Donna Woods

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February 16, 1977

Mr. Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Sir

The current ratings system is a travesty. After all, it was developed by Jack Valenti.

The last thing television needs is a ratings system. What television and America does need are some beneficial, uplifting, positive TV programs.

The best decision that ever came out of D.C. and the FCC is the family hour. It should be resurrected immediately. CBS is attempting it with great results. The whole thing was devised because of the success of "The Waltons", America's Favorite Television Family and the best drama series in the history of TV.

The programmers in New York and L.A. seem to forget that the first hour of prime time in the central time zone is 7:00 p.m. when young children are still awake. Shows like "Roseanne", "Ellen", "Married with children", "The Simpsons", "Beavis and Butthead", etc. should never run that early at night.

If the FCC and the Federal government will do something to promote an actual change of content rather than an identification of the junk currently airing, I would wholeheartedly support that.

People say no one learns bad behavior from television. Just last week we had a hostage situation in Nashville that was covered widely on local television. At the same time some young people pulled a copycat crime from watching the news coverage.

The FCC should also work to bar ratings on newscasts. The concern for high Nielsens has prompted only the most sensational news coverage, actual creation of news, and outrageous over-indulgent coverage of the O.J. trial. We need more talk and discussion on the news and less lurid pictures.

The FCC should also help campaign reform by prohibiting high rates for political advertising on television. In fact, the advertising should be free time available to all candidates. As well, negative attack ads should be prohibited.

I am a firm believer in government regulation in the area of television in order to deter crime, and the ultimate total dysfunction of our citizens and families.

Until the FCC does this, I'll continue to watch Nick at Nite, "The Waltons" on the Family Channel, and A&E's "Biography".

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Victor Buhler

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Sincerely, *Marie Patterson*
Oak Grove Ext. Club

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Julia Cox
c/o Frost Middle School
4101 Pickett Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22032

Dear Sir or Madame:

It has come to my attention that the new t.v. ratings seem to be used more for the station's advertising than for parents to check what it is that their children watch. I think that the rating system should be placed in the t.v. guide instead of on the t.v. screen. I do think, however, that the rating system is a very good idea. It gives parents a chance to see whether or not the programs that their children watch are appropriate. Thank you for your time and I hope you will take my idea into consideration.

Sincerely,



Julie Cox

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From: Keyes, Joe R. <joe.keyes@teldta.com>
To: 'complaints-enf@fcc.gov' <complaints-enf@fcc.gov>
Date: 1/28/97 6:48pm
Subject: Inquiry Concerning TV Rating System

9701281031

Dear Sir or Madame,

Will a new proceeding be established to evaluate the present TV rating system? If so, when might that notice be issued? Please let me know by return e-mail. My e-mail address is: joe.keyes@teldta.com

Thank you.

Joe Keyes

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2. I (WE) support content based Ratings

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Pat Gregor
631 Glowwood Dr
Rt PA 15227

McAnnulty, PA
Pittsburgh, PA

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*I am opposed to
age based TV rating system
and for a context based rating
system.*

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*Nancy McAnnulty
5347 Page Drive
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I oppose the age based TV
rating system and support
the content based system

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Kelli Snyder
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I am opposed to the age based
TV rating system + would prefer
a content based rating system.

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Mary Jo Wallander
McAnulty PTA
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I am opposed to age-based TV ratings and support content-based ratings.

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