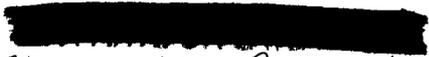


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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman,

I am requesting that a content-based system of rating television programs be used instead of an age-based rating system. As a parent I want to know exactly what is in a program - not someone's opinion of what age level is appropriate to watch a show. A return to a family hour on TV would also be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you,

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

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The age-based rating system on television is NOT working! It is completely unreliable. We need a content-based system and we need it now - there is so much JUNK on T.V.

Sincerely,

Heily Young  
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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

RE: CS Docket No. 97-55, FCC 97-34

I am writing on behalf of the National PTA and the local PTSA of Perry Hall Middle School to voice my opposition to the v-chip rating system as presented by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group, on January 17, 1997. The rating symbol on the TV screen does not provide sufficient content information so that parents can make decisions about what is appropriate TV programming for their children. Major surveys released this fall which demonstrate overwhelming parent preference for a rating system that gives parents information about the content of programs were conducted by the National PTA, U.S. News and World Report, and Media Studies Center/Roper. Parents do not want the TV industry to interpret what is best for their children. Parents want to make those choices themselves based on content information about the program. Any rating system without content descriptions on the screen and publicized in periodicals that carry TV scheduling is useless.

The FCC, by law, is required to determine whether the industry's rating system has met statutory requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. I do not believe this system does so and ask that the FCC not approve the industry rating system. Instead, we request the following:

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That the FCC require a V-chip band broad enough that would allow parents to receive more than one rating system;

That the rating icon on the TV screen be made larger, more prominently placed on the screen, and appear more frequently during the course of a program;

That the rating board be independent of the industry and the FCC and that it include parents; and

That any rating system approved by the FCC be evaluated by independent research to determine if it meets the needs of parents.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on an issue so important to children and families.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie D Cadle*

Bonnie D. Cadle  
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Dear: Honorable Read Hunt; Chairman

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I would like to see a content based rating system. Opposed to the age based rating system with really means nothing to me because I still have to monitor the content of programs.

I would love to see a family hour back on TV.

Thank you for your concerns and action.

Sincerely yours  
Alicia King

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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

**RE: CS Docket No. 97-55, FCC 97-34**

I am writing on behalf of the National PTA and the Bates Elementary School PTA to voice my opposition to the v-chip rating system as presented by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group, on January 17, 1997. The rating symbol on the TV screen does not provide sufficient content information so that parents can make decisions about what is appropriate TV programming for their children. Major surveys released this fall which demonstrate overwhelming parent preference for a rating system that gives parents information about the content of programs were conducted by the National PTA, USA News and World Report, and Media Studies Center/Roper. Parents do not want the TV industry to interpret what is best for their children. Parents want to make those choices themselves based on content information about the program. Any rating system without content descriptions on the screen and publicized in periodicals that carry TV scheduling is useless.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on an issue so important to children and families.

Sincerely,

*Michelle D. Harper*  
*(2nd grade teacher)*

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Apr. 23, 1997

Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing regarding the television industry's proposed rating system after reading an article written about it by Michael Storey in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Tuesday, April 22, 1997. In the system presented, it appears that television officials want to decide what is appropriate for people, rather than describing program content which would enable people to make that decision. I hope you will reject the proposed system, and require a more informative one. I would also like to ask that if the Federal Communications Commission has the authority to prohibit the airing of any unlawful material, that the commission will be diligent and not lax about exercising this authority.

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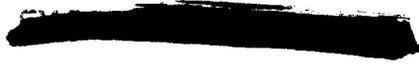
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The Honorable Reed Hundt Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

The age-based television rating system that has been established, does not work. The garbage broadcast during Family Hour is sleazy, at best. The sexual innuendos and dirty words are thick in all the sitcoms. We don't enjoy it one bit.

There could be a content-based system that would listen to words spoken and the actions that would be seen by our children. They need something to look up to, not down at. You are in a position to make a positive impact on our nation.

Sincerely,

Michele Grant

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Mr. Reed Hunt, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Hunt.

Thank you for scheduling on the TV Rating System. This is a very important issue, which you are obviously very much aware. It is unfortunate that our society is such today that such action is necessary. We do, however, need to do everything possible to protect our children.

May we also ask that the Commission enforce the Broadcast Indecency Law against TV stations. Immorality, violence and drugs are taking over our society. At least to some extent this can be blamed on the TV Industry and the life styles they too often portray.

Respectfully,

*M. K. O'Leary*  
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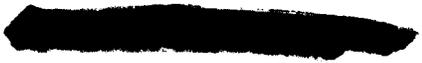
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18 Sparks Station Rd.  
Sparks, MD 21152  
April 22, 1997

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am contacting you at this time because of my disappointment with the television industry's feeble attempt to rate the television programs. As a parent who tries to monitor the programs my children watch, having an aged based TV rating system is virtually useless to me. My desire is to be able to make informed decisions about what my children watch. To do this, I would like to see the television industry use ratings that would tell me what is in a program such as violence, sexual content, drug abuse, adult language, etc. When speaking to other parents I have heard the same desire expressed. Unfortunately, getting people to write can be very difficult.

I would be very pleased to see your industry respond to this request for a change in television program ratings. Knowing beforehand the program content will enable me, as well as other parents the opportunity to make an informed decision.

  
Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this issue. If you would need any further information or input from me I would be very glad to assist.

Sincerely,  
Nancee Collins

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Sandra L. Chapman

2313 W. Hall Ave.

Santa Ana, CA 92704

April 14, 1997

Dear Honorable Hundt,

I oppose the age-based rating system and want a content-based system and want the return of the Family Hour.

Sincerely,

Sandra Chapman

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am a forty year old father of three children. My youngest son, the youthful age of eight years old is regularly in my care. He also has the privilege of having a television in his bedroom, with limited controls of viewing.

On March 26, 1997 at approximately 4:30 p.m., as I browsed through the channels on my television to view the 4:30 edition of the evening news, to my appalling amazement, I discovered on (The Movis Channel) two males completely nude, rise from a bed. One male stood with clear frontal nudity, exposing his penis without any blockage.

As a parent and taxpayer in America, I urge the authorities of the FCC and any other related institution in this land, and abroad to once and for all put and end to the bombardment of immorality and television filth that is constantly invading the homes of decent minded people in this country.

My immediate fear for my eight year old son, nephews, cousins, and anyone else's young children viewing such vagrant acts of homosexuality, as I witness on television that day, is believing that it is acceptable for men to have that kind of interaction. This scared me enough to motivate the writing of this letter to anyone with just enough character to begin to seriously challenge what most of us parents are afraid of, "Losing control of the directions in the life of our children."

In turn, I suggest that the movie, *Maurice*, of which I speak, be better accessed during off peak hours. Hours much less convenient for children to discover.

I am also asking for an apology from whatever entity that is responsible for this programming schedule, and I believe that an apology is also warranted to the American parents, who fear, as I do, that their children may stumble innocently across this form of television sexuality.

In closing, if this is a strategy engineered to recruit in the homosexual community, I ask that the United States Congress hold a pensive investigation and equate the urgency of this issue with the "Joe Camel cigarette advertisements. I am almost certain that most parents would rather have their male children smoking cigarettes than fascinated with one another's penis'.

Again, I expect an apology, and official action immediately.

Sincerely,

*Shawqu A. Khalid*  
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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

RE: CS Docket No. 97-55, FCC 97-34

We are writing on behalf of the National PTA and the Hollywood Beach School PTA to voice our opposition to the V-chip rating system as presented by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group, on January 17, 1997. The rating symbol on the TV screen does not provide sufficient content information so that parents can make informed decisions about what is appropriate TV programming for their children. We do not want the TV industry to interpret what is best for our children. Parents want and need to make those choices themselves based on content information about the programs offered. A rating system without content descriptions is useless.

We request that the FCC not approve, under any circumstances, the current industry rating system. Instead we request the following:

That the FCC should not accept a rating system that does not include content information about programs (IE: V for violence, S for sexual depiction and nudity, and L for language).

That the FCC require a V-chip band broad enough that would allow parents to receive more than one rating system.

That the rating board be independent of the industry and the FCC and that it include parents.

That any rating system approved by the FCC be evaluated by independent research to determine if it meets the needs of parents.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on an issue so important to our children and our family.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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**RE: CS Docket No. 97-55, FCC 97-34**

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Sincerely,

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912 Overhill Dr.  
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Washington, DC 20554

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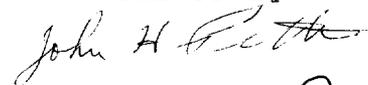
Count me as one who is disgusted with the amount of sex, violence and profanity on television.

I am certain that the new rating system was not intended to reduce sex, violence and profanity in broadcasting. The only thing this rating system will do is to attempt to absolve the networks and advertisers of any responsibility for the content of the broadcasts. They can put on anything and defend themselves by saying, we warned you in advance. However, the commercials run with other programs contain some of the vilest aspects of a program and for that they can be held responsible.

It doesn't take much imagination to recognize the reliability of a rating system which calls for the producer to rate his own product. The age-based system should be replaced with a content-based system along with return of the family hour, and the ratings determined by a responsible agency. The rating must be displayed in a more obvious way than a three second screen between commercials prior to the actual program.

I will be willing to participate in avoiding the leading sponsors (and networks) of programs rated TV-PG, TV-14 and TV-M.

Sincerely



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Dear FCC :

I am writing to you regarding television previews. As a mother of an 8 year old, I have been pleased to see the new rating system of television programs. This has been very helpful in assisting in our viewing choices.

I am finding, however, that there is a problem with the previews shown between these programs. They take the scariest, most violent, gruesome, seductive scenes from these programs to show in the previews. These are shown during prime-time viewing when my whole family is watching. There is no warning of any kind! You are suddenly bombarded with supernatural figures, limbs being torn off, walking dead, etc. My son does not have nightmares from programs he watches - he has nightmares from previews!

Ideally, these previews should not be shown during the hours children are most likely to watch T.V. Otherwise, the content of the preview should not exceed the rating of the programs playing around it.

I would appreciate knowing your views on this subject, and any support you may be able to give towards changing this.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Alloway

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