

Dear Mr. [unclear] <sup>CS 97-85</sup> <sup>April 16, 1997</sup>  
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The age-based rating system does not adequately inform parents about what their children may encounter during prime time. As some are de-sensitized to violence and anti-family themes judgment on propriety wanes. Please institute a content-based system and a wholesome family hour. Thank you.  
Mr & Mrs. Ben Lerner

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Attention: Honorable Reed Hundt

Dear Mr. Hundt:

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I would like to let you know that my family and I are opposed to the "Age-based" rating system used for television. We would very much like to see a "Content-based" system used and the return of the Family Hour. We are disgusted with the sexually provocative themes, profanity, sex outside of marriage and homosexual relationships which are shown during prime time when children are watching.

We need to return to morals in this country instead of promoting immorality.

I appreciate the influence a man in your position can have in making these changes, and sincerely hope you have children or grandchildren whom

You are also concerned  
with influencing.

Thank you -  
Mrs. Charles R. Adgate

If Ellen DeGeneres wants to  
be a lesbian that is her  
business, but to promote  
it on a TV show is  
wrong and unacceptable.



KEVIN P. LEROUX

President &  
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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 97-55

Dear Commissioners:

As General Manager of WGGB, I am writing to express my strong approval of the voluntary rating system developed by the television industry. This system builds on the 28 years of familiarity and success that the movie rating system has had and continues to have.

At our station, reaction to the ratings has been mostly positive.

The legislative history and the law makes clear that the Commission should act only if the industry failed to do so. The industry has acted; it developed and implemented a voluntary ratings system that parents in my community find useful and easy to use. It easily satisfies the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and unquestionably meets the standard of "acceptability" in the Act.

I urge the Commission to recognize the importance of what the industry has done and approve the TV Parental Guidelines.

Sincerely,

c: Mike Bock

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Chairman Reed Hundt and FCC Commissioners  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

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I am (we are) writing on behalf of the National PTA and the Royal View Elementary School PTA to voice my (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 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 (we) do not believe this system does so and ask that the FCC not approve the industry rating system. Instead, we request the following:

- That under no circumstances should the FCC approve the industry's rating system. Further, the FCC should accept no rating system that does not include content information about programs such as V (for violence), S (for sexual depiction and nudity) and L (for language);
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- 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,

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jurgol  
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Attn: CS Docket No. 97-55

Dear Sir:

Re: TV ratings

It has come to our attention that Senate hearings spark demand for content-based ratings. The rating system set up by the TV industry is proving ineffective since the bulk of shows are lumped into the nondescript "TV-PG" category. Even defenders of the seven-week old system admit that a full two-thirds of prime-time shows are encoded "PG," many of which deserve a tougher rating.

Therefore, we urgently request that you take action to rid the TV screen of the violence, sex, anti-Christian innuendoes, profanity and homosexual programs.

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Office of Secretary

Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

This letter is written on behalf of the National PTA and the Andrews Elementary PTA of Portland, Texas to voice 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. 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.

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Andrews Elementary P.T.A. thanks you for this opportunity to comment on this issue so important to our children and families.

Sincerely,

*Julie Dearing*

Portland, Texas

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# Department of Education and Cultural Affairs

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814  
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RE: "E-rate" for Schools

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

I am writing to convey my support for the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan which you will soon vote on. I represent the public schools and libraries of South Dakota, mostly small and rural. It is absolutely essential that our students and citizens have affordable access to global telecommunications. Indeed, the economic future of our state **DEPENDS** on it!

At the urging of our Governor, William J. Janklow, South Dakota is wiring its schools for advanced telecommunications. The state legislature has appropriated tax dollars to purchase supplies; teams of prison inmates have been trained to provide the labor for both the cabling and electrical upgrading! The ability to apply discounts to ongoing connection charges will be a key factor in fully utilizing the telecommunications capacity they will soon have!

Your commission has an opportunity to make a tremendous impact on student learning, right down to the classroom level. I believe the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan have the potential to open up almost unlimited opportunities for learners. Telecommunications certainly increases the likelihood that students will achieve higher academic standards, **AND** at the same time, will provide resources which are essential for long-term economic growth and development. "Affordable" telecommunications rates for schools and libraries are the **KEY** to access--students, educators, parents and community members will all benefit from increased information and resources. Small rural states such as South Dakota will realize huge benefits from equalized and discounted rates for schools and libraries.

I urge you, Commissioner Hundt, to create truly affordable rates for telecommunications services for schools and libraries this year, and to ensure that internal classroom connections are included within the discounted services.

Sincerely,

Karon L. Schaack  
Secretary

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FREDRICK A. WENTWORTH  
County Superintendent



**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools, I would like to express my appreciation to you for your dedication to ensure that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The current implementation proposal, recommended by a Federal-State Joint Board established by the Federal Communications Commission would provide essential discounts to telecommunication services for classrooms throughout our State of California and allow for school districts within our county the flexibility to determine what services they need, which are most economical, and make the most sense for their educational mission. The San Joaquin County consists of several rural school districts which are struggling to provide telecommunications services to their students at the funding currently provided. The proposed school portion of the fund would certainly assist all school districts in bringing these services directly to the classroom where students may learn and experience the world of technology.

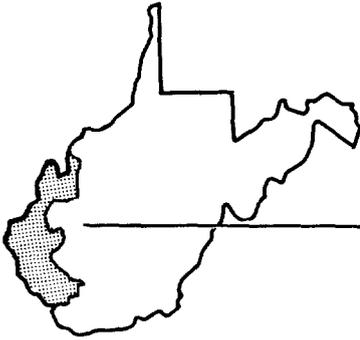
I strongly urge your support of this proposed \$2.25 billion "e-rate" telecommunications discount plan for universal services for schools. This plan is essential in preparing our students for the workforce of tomorrow. If you are in need of further information regarding our area directly, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Fredrick A. Wentworth, Ed.D.,  
County Superintendent of Schools

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# Regional Education Service Agency, II

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Ted L. Triplett, Executive Director

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Although West Virginia has less financial resources than most other states, the State Board of Education, the West Virginia Legislature, county boards of education, regional educational service agencies, and schools have made extraordinary efforts to keep our schools abreast of the rest of the nation in educational technology. In order for us to continue to improve opportunities for our children, it is imperative that the Federal Communications Commission approve the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan for universal service for schools.

It is particularly important that schools and school districts receive the proposed deep discounts for internal classroom wiring and connections. Without proper internal wiring, the needed services will not get to the classroom where they will be most effective. It is also important that local control of telecommunication plans be included in the final guidelines since this will provide schools an opportunity to develop plans which will best meet the unique needs of individual schools.

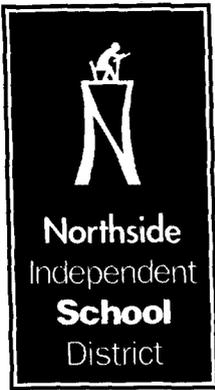
Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Students and teachers of southwestern West Virginia are looking forward to quickly taking advantage of the quality educational experiences which will be made possible by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the FCC regulations which will soon be approved.

Sincerely,

Ted L. Triplett  
Executive Director  
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Federal Communications Commission

April 14, 1997

Ed Rawlinson  
Superintendent

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Hundt:

As superintendent of Northside Independent School District, the seventh largest public school system in Texas, I would like to thank you for your vigilance in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

As written, the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and, most importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Northside ISD's Strategic Plan for Technology directs that all 2600+ classrooms in this sprawling, rapidly-growing, suburban-urban school system be connected to the Internet within the next few years. With an aggressive plan that calls for a minimum of five student computers and one multi-media computer teacher workstation per classroom, the successful connection through the school district's Wide Area Network to the world's information resources will depend on affordable telecommunications rates. This school system is committed to providing enhanced learning opportunities to our 60,000 students and 7,500 employees through the use of technology.

We need substantial and meaningful discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Ed Rawlinson  
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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW Room 814  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

School students, senior citizens, unemployed and employed adults and families with young children depend on the public library for access to information resources, materials for reading and viewing and the ability to tap into the wider world of information that they cannot afford in their own homes.

More and more the public library's ability to provide this access is threatened by the high cost of telecommunications. It is impossible to us to carry out our crucial mission without being networked with the larger community.

The four member libraries of Cheltenham Township Libraries serve nearly 35,000 people, many of whom will find it unaffordable to "get connected" on their own.

**Discounted telecommunications rates for libraries and schools are needed now more than ever.**

We urge you to pass the November 1996 recommendations from the Federal-State Joint Board.

Respectfully yours,

*Hilma F. Cooper*

Hilma F. Cooper, Director

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Dr & Mrs Lloyd Goldsmith  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20541

As parents of 3 children we oppose a rating system that does NOT provide parents and families information about the content of a program as part of the rating on the TV screen. We realize big business + big government control America, but should yield every now and then to Americans.

Sincerely

Lloyd & Mary Goldsmith

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**Les Vann**

*Vice President/Station Manager*

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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
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RE: CS Docket No. 97-55

Dear Commissioner:

As General Manager of WICD-TV, Champaign, Illinois, I am writing to express my strong approval of the voluntary rating system developed by the television industry. This system builds on the 28 years of familiarity and success that the movie rating system has had and continues to have.

At our station we have received no comment about the ratings.

The legislative history and the law makes clear that the Commission should act only if the industry failed to do so. The industry has acted; it developed and implemented a voluntary ratings system that parents in my community find useful and easy to use. It easily satisfies the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and unquestionably meets the standards of "acceptability" in the Act.

I urge the Commission to recognize the importance of what the industry has done and approve the TV Parental Guidelines.

Sincerely,

Les Vann  
Vice President/Station Manager

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RE: CS Docket No. 97-55

Dear Commissioners:

As General Manager of KXXV-TV, I am writing to express my strong approval of the voluntary rating system developed by the television industry. This system builds on the 28 years of familiarity and success that the movie rating system has had and continues to have.

At our station, we have received very little comment about the ratings.

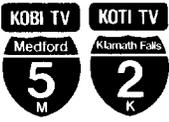
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Sincerely,

*Jeff Cook*  
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Federal Communications Commission  
 1919 M Street, N.W.  
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RE: CS Docket No. 97-55

Dear Commissioners:

As Station Manager of KOB/KOTI-TV, I am writing to express my strong approval of the voluntary rating system developed by the television industry. This system builds on the 28 years of familiarity and success that the movie ratings have.

In the three short months the system has been existence, our stations have received very little comment about the ratings. We feel that the ratings are too new for most parents to have formed an opinion of them.

The legislative history and the law makes it clear that the Commission should act only if the industry failed to do so. The industry has acted; it developed and implemented a voluntary ratings system that parents in our community find useful and easy to use. It easily satisfied the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and unquestionably meets the standard of "acceptability" in the Act.

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Sincerely,



Mark Logan  
 Station Manager  
 KOB/KOTI-TV



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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, the Utah PTA, the Provo School District, and our children 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 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.

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To: Chairman Reed Hundt and FCC Commissioners  
c/o Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

I oppose the V-chip rating system proposed by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group. The rating symbol does not provide sufficient information for parents to make a knowledgeable decision about the program they are about to watch. 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.

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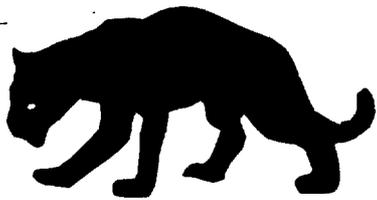
Thank you for letting myself and others make recommendations for a better tomorrow for our families.

Sincerely,

Jore Wmyple  
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CS 97-55  
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Dick C. Close  
Principal

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Federal Communications Commission  
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C., 20054

Dear Chairman Hundt,

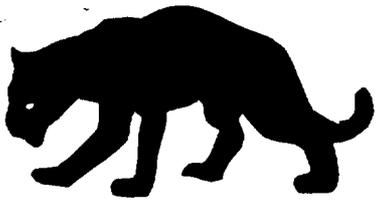
As public school teachers, we write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act--through its Universal Service Fund provisions--mandates the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

Educators know that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's children. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the FCC a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

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# South Clearfield Elementary School Panthers

990 East 700 South  
Clearfield, Utah 84015  
(801) 774 - 7417

Dick C. Close  
Principal

We urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services, and give schools and libraries flexibility in choosing the services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Thank You,

Undersigned Faculty and Staff Members

South Clearfield Elementary

(Name of school)

Davis County School District, Utah

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
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Educators know that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's children. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the FCC a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

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Thank You,

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