

Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 "H" Street
Washington, DC 20054

RE: PETITION NO. 2493
DATE: 4-17-97

Gentlemen:

I am an American and proud of my heritage. I am also very much aware of the place religious faith has played in the freedom we as Americans now enjoy. Therefore, I protest any human effort to remove from radio and television any programs designed to show faith in GOD or a SUPREME BEING or to remove CHRISTMAS SONGS, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS or CHRISTMAS CAROLS from Public Air Waves, School or Office Buildings.

Sincerely,

Name Sandra H. Barnett

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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

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Sincerely,

Patricia & Robert Paine

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The FCC should **not** approve the industry rating system.

In order to make a decision on what is appropriate TV programming for children, parents need to know if there is Violent Content (V), Sexual Content & Nudity (S), Adult Language (L), and whether it is "occasional," "frequent," or "widespread."

Further, the rating icon on the TV screen should be made larger, more prominently placed on the screen, and appear more frequently during the course of a program; the rating board itself should be independent of the industry and the FCC *and include parents; and any rating system approved by the FCC should be evaluated by independent research to determine if it meets the needs of parents.*

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Sincerely,

Member of the Trantwood Elementary School PTA
Virginia Beach, VA

cc: Joan Dykstra, President, National PTA

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Sincerely,

Margaret Trayler

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**COMMACK PTA COUNCIL
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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I'm sure you will not remember me, but I met you in Washington at the Secretary of Education's Conference on Educational Technologies two years ago. At that time, you made a presentation at the conference and spoke of an educational rate that would provide every school and library in the country with discounted services for telecommunications. Your remarks were well received at the conference and I'm glad to see that you are a man of your word and that this proposal is now coming to fruition.

I would like to personally thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the information superhighway. The proposed e-rate plan will begin to address some of the needs of our students in our nation's schools. This joint effort between the government and businesses will provide the schools with the electronic communications that will allow us to prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow.

If our students are truly to be competitive, it will take the efforts of government, businesses, and education working together to provide for the best educational environment for these students. Telecommunications is the wave of the future and must be supported by all who serve education.

In closing, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for the universal service for all schools and libraries in the nation.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

James S. McCann
Superintendent

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**Roanoke
City Public Schools**

Office of Assistant Superintendent for Operations
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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Roanoke City Schools strongly supports efforts by the Federal Communications Commission to provide public school access to telecommunication services at substantial discounts. Our local telephone communication provider charges \$450 annually as the cost for operating one ISDN telephone line. The Schools have 622 telephone lines which is an annual cost of \$279,900 to the taxpayers.

We urge the Federal Communications Commission to enact rules that would provide substantial discounts to public school systems particularly those systems that have a large percentage of disadvantaged children. In determining the amount of discounts available to school districts, telephone communication providers should use the percentage of free lunch or reduced lunch children as a determinant in the establishment of the discount schedule.

It is in the best interest of the public that school systems be provided the lowest cost access to telecommunication services. The discount will encourage school systems to expand student access to information technology with emphasis on facilitating access for low-income students who are less likely to have such access at their home.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Kelley
Assistant Superintendent for Operations

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Aloma Elementary School PTA

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Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

I am (we are) writing on behalf of the National PTA and the Aloma PTA (local, council, district, or state 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.

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Sincerely,

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BETH L. ROOF
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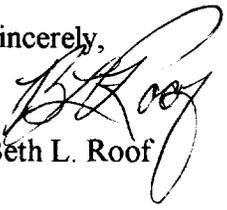
I am writing as a member of my local PTA chapter at McKinley Middle School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to voice my opposition to the V-chip rating system as presented by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group, on January 17, 1997. The rating symbol on the TV screen does not provide sufficient content information so that parents can make decisions about what is appropriate TV Programming for their children. Parents do not want the television industry to interpret what is best for their children. Parents want to make those choices themselves based on content information about the program. A rating system without content descriptions on the screen or not publicized in periodicals that carry TV scheduling is not adequately informing viewers.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Beth L. Roof

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Beth M. Zisiel
Grinnell PTA Member

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Peggy Babcock
West Jordan, Utah

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Media executive urges end to television ratings system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The TV industry's 3-month-old ratings system "does not work" and should be scrapped, media executive Barry Diller said Friday.

Diller, who owns 12 independent TV stations and the Home Shopping Network, also rejected an alternative ratings system that would provide more detailed information about shows' sexual, violent and language content.

Neither system makes any sense, he said in a speech at the National Press Club.

With so many programs to rate and so many entities rating them — broadcast networks, TV stations, syndicators, cable channels — uniformity under both ratings systems is difficult, Diller said.

"It's not that it's not a good idea, it's just that it's hard, very hard to do," he said of ratings.

The National Association of Broadcasters had no immediate comment on Diller's remarks.

Diller, talking to reporters afterwards, suggested that the TV industry go back to the drawing board to come up with solutions that would help parents make better viewing choices for their children. But he ruled out content-based ratings because they "are unduable."

One alternative he suggested would be an "e-chip," or enable chip. With that, only family shows would be rated. That way, TV sets equipped with the computer chip could be programmed to pick up only the family friendly shows.

Diller said he had floated the

idea to fellow TV executives last year at a White House conference on TV ratings, but he said they brushed it off.

Eventually, TV ratings are supposed to work with a v-chip that would be installed in TV sets next year to allow people to block shows based on their ratings. The TV industry's six-tier, age-based system ranges from "TV-G" for all audiences to "TV-MA," for mature audiences only. Most shows are rated "TV-PG," parental guidance suggested.

Diller urged the TV industry to fight a bill, written by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., that would force the TV industry to provide more detailed ratings, or air violent shows only when children are not likely to be watching.

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Since the Media says the ratings system doesn't work & since the new technology TV system ok'd by FCC will make the present TV obsolete no poor or ~~middle class~~ middle class persons can afford to buy new or equip their present TV with a V chip or an "S-chip". The government must demand that General audience rated shows ~~teach~~ teach family friendly & values & community friendly values with social correctness 54 hours a day under ^{guidance}

- ① Safer Product Laws
- ② Precedent Laws in Court against political incursions & sexual harassment speech & phone ^{conversations} thus allowing laws against free speech
- ③ Community Value Laws that prohibit pornography or other country values
Laws that prohibit anything that can possibly do harm on TV
- ④ Rights of ad country over individual rights
- ⑤ Taxes & Fines for using public airways that on TV shows that are not General Audience Rated.
- ⑥ New Technology Laws so TV does no harm

Everyone knows what is socially correct TV that teaches family & community friendly TV so don't let anyone say they can't defend this.

If the media industry won't voluntarily do this legislate it against an outdated constitution that did not cover new technology like TV ~~industry~~

America must do to the media industry (TV industry) what they did to the tobacco industry.

TV is a teacher, mentor, babysitter, parent, best friend, & has the most influence on our children even more than churches, schools, parents & peers. Like it or not - this or not they must be legislated to live up to this responsibility. We love latch key kids & millions of summer orphans who take care of themselves in the summer while parents work. TV must be responsible & avoid mother & babysitter this might be the way

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

March 1997

Chairman Reed Hundt and FCC Commissioners
c/o Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt and Commissioners:

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

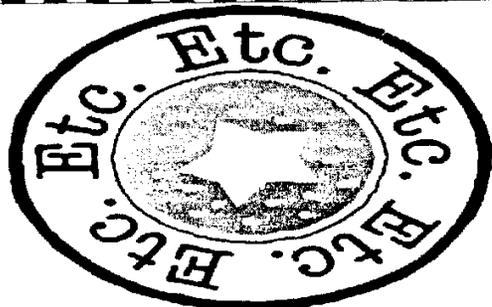
I am writing on behalf of the National PTA to voice my opposition to the v-chip rating system as presented by Jack Valenti, Chair of the TV Rating Implementation Group, on January 17, 1997. The rating symbol on the TV screen does not provide sufficient content information so that parents can make decisions 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, *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 of no use.

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:

- 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);
- 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,



F.Y.I.

Attention, Smokers! Are You Ready to Quit?

Reach Out West End is offering a smoking cessation class for parents, in cooperation with the Upland Unified School District.

The class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for a six week period. The meetings will be held at the Reach Out office: 123 East 9th Street, Suite 202, in Upland (directly across the street from the Upland Bakery).

Though the class is free, there is a \$20 material fee. Enrollment is limited, so call now (909-982-8641) for the beginning date of the next class.

Moving Over The Summer?

Will you be moving over the summer? If so, the office staff would appreciate hearing from you.

In our efforts to project next year's enrollment, it is helpful to know who will not be returning for the '97-'98 school year. Please call the office as soon as possible with any information you can give us regarding your student's residency for next year.

Also, remember, we have started taking kindergarten registration for next year. If you have a child who will be five by December 2 of this year, he/she is eligible to enroll for the fall. If you have a neighbor who has a child who qualifies, please tell them about pre-registration.

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Accessing the Internet through **linkup** costs just \$15 a month and 8% of that will go to the Upland Unified School District! Call 386-7168.



Kindergarten Registration

During the week of **April 14-18** the office will be accepting registration for kindergarteners for Pepper Tree's '97-98 school year. Pre-registration helps the school anticipate enrollment figures for the upcoming school year. This information then gives input into the decision making of how many kindergarten classes/teachers will be needed in September. Therefore, if you know of a neighbor or friend who lives in Pepper Tree boundaries and has

a student eligible for kindergarten in the fall, please encourage them to register the week of April 14-18.

A child needs to be five years of age by December 2, 1997 to enroll for the '97-98 school year. The State law requires legal proof of birth, proof of immunizations (unless your child has a medical condition prohibiting immunizations or immunizations are against your personal belief), and verification of residence (current utility bill).

If you will be needing the Pepper Tree Day Care, **and you do not currently** have a child enrolled in it, you need to enroll your kindergartener on Monday, April 14. Day Care openings are available on a first come, first served basis starting on Monday, April 14.