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We appreciated all your work and efforts in finding an effective television rating system, however we do oppose the age-based system and would like to see a content based system. This would help parents to better monitor what their children watch on TV. The age-based system is difficult, because it does not give a clear description of the subject matter that a specific show may contained.

"Thank you" so much for giving this matter attention and for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

Jerry L. Schwartz

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Reed Hundt  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The attached communication is for your consideration. Please add this letter to the public comments for CS Docket #97-55. I would also appreciate it if you would respond to Jim Hudson directly regarding this matter.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

*Paul*

Paul David Wellstone  
United States Senator

PDW:mrw

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From: Jim Hudson  
To: 'Senator Wellstone'  
Subject: TV rating system

Dear Senator Wellstone,

I would like to express my concern over the new TV rating system. I don't think it is a good idea to have a rating system for TV. First over the air television should be considered public and should be monitored by the FCC for content. I say "should" because in recent years the FCC has done virtually nothing for the public good. I have seen the TV shows go from pretty decent 20 years ago to very filthy today. An example is Shindlers List which should not have been allowed to air uncut over the PUBLIC air waves. I was looking for something to watch last Sunday night and was shocked by the total nudity I was on TV. I am not saying the show did not have a good message, but the message was lost by all the filth that was there. Second if you allow the TV rating system the shows will get worse by default. I mean the TV people will say "we warned you the show had that in it". You are selling out if you agree to this rating system instead of representing the people who voted for you.

Thank you, Jim Hudson  
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Elk River, MN 55330

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The attached communication is for your consideration. Please add this letter to the public comments for CS Docket #97-55. I would also appreciate it if you would respond to Rita Marie Martodam, OSF directly regarding this matter.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
*Rita Marie Martodam*, OSF  
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*Anthony Grace*

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Nick Koewler  
6080 120th Ave. SE  
Clara City, MN 56222  
January 22, 1997

Dear Honorable Senator Paul Wellstone,

My name is Nick Koewler and I go to school at MACCRAY Junior High School. I am writing this letter to earn a Boy Scout merit badge called Citizenship in the Nation. I am 12 years old.

I am supposed to write on an important issue. I believe that the new TV ratings is an important issue. These ratings are good things because young people are watching bad shows and thinking that the show is cool and recreating it in the real world. Before, the parents didn't think the show was a bad show so they let the kids watch it. Now, parents see the ratings and won't let them watch the show. I was wondering what your opinion is on this issue? Please write back.

Sincerely,

  
Nick Koewler

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The attached communication is for your consideration. Please add this letter to the public comments for CS Docket #97-55. I would also appreciate it if you would respond to April Marie at 831 W. 5th Street, Duluth, MN, 55806 directly regarding this matter.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Paul Wellstone,

The rating system on the TV is a great idea but I've noticed the PG rated programs should be PG13 or R. I'm sorry, but shows that have swear words and suggestive acts are not PG, specially when the whole show is about sex.

The rating on TV is miss leading so it is worse then having no ratings. Please look into this.

Thanks,

~April Marie

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Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

*Paul*

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Thank you for your consideration.

*John Russell*  
*Lynette Russell*  
Rt 2 Box 138  
Little Falls, MN 56345

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Sincerely,

*Paul*

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Thank you for your consideration.

*Lillian Krall, asy*

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Phil & Marg Backowski  
P.O. Box 3  
Flensburg, Md.  
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Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Paul David Wellstone  
United States Senator

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*Sincerely,*

*Mary Le Sales, org.  
116 - 8th Ave. S. E.*

*Little Falls, Minn. 56345*

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Sen. Paul Wellstone  
Rep. Martin Sabo

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Subject: THERE'S GOOD NEWS OUT THERE--FIND IT!

My wife and I have just returned from a vacation in Lubbock, Texas where we visited family. While it is acknowledged by some as typical southern 'red-neck country' we were struck by something that could well be adopted by the rest of the nation.

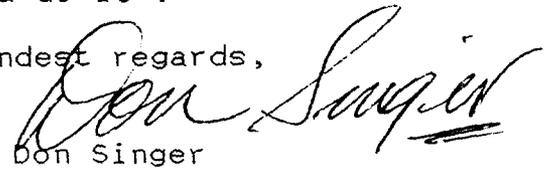
While watching TV we noted that, in spite of the great number of 'bad news' stories that it and the National News contained, locally there was also at least one item of 'good news', invariably something of a positive nature. This was vividly brought to mind again this morning while watching ABC's Good Morning America which contained nothing but bad, tragic stories. Yet there had to be something good to say.

Why am I telling you this? While it may seem crazy, and I know that you both are serious legislators, I'd suggest you propose a law, or at least a 'Sense of the Body', that all news broadcasts contain at least 10%, or perhaps at least one segment devoted to GOOD NEWS. Considering the bad light they are now in because of the program rating system the industry might just jump at the chance to please you lawmakers. And you will I'm sure be pleasantly surprised at the positive reaction of your fellow office holders and the ultimate certain good feeling on the part of the general public.

Just think of 'CCO assigning a reporter to go out and find those positive stories that are out there but overlooked because its not 'hard news'. Think of the lift that those kids from the Kenwood Grade School would get when a reporter found that particular positive event that occurred right there to counter yesterdays news that a 6th grader had been found and suspended for bringing a gun to school. But the news 'industry has 'gotta' wana'do it'.

Please, and Thank You.

Kindest regards,

  
Don Singer

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*Sister Mary Adella Blomgren*

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