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Subject: Enfoce Decency Laws

from Mrs. Loretta Batsell

Thanks to Mr. Copps and Martin for admitting FCC is not doing its job of enforcing decency standards on TV shows. It is appalling the amount of sex, violence and profanity that is allowed to go forth on TV! Please, please hold the networks responsible for what they broadcast. A good story does NOT need sex, violence and profanity to make it a better show. These 3 elements just make it a raunchy show and I don't like filth.

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Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As an American citizen, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

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