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Commissioner Abernathy:

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am writing because of deep concern for our nation's children and the detrimental influence we believe the media is having on their lives and our country, as well.

Our children and our nation are entertained weekly by television, radio, internet games, and movies that are filled with violence and an abundance of sexual material. Our nation's children are growing up believing these ways of behaving are the norm. We have seen it happen before our very eyes. There is much evidence to suggest that all of this extreme violence and sexual material plays an important role in how people behave and how they see life. Being fed these images day after day greatly influences people to behave in negative ways.

It is of no surprise that our values and standards have changed so radically. It is of no surprise that there is so much violence now and that there are unthinkable atrocities happening. It is of no surprise that there is so many sexual assaults and thousands of registered sex offenders in our communities. Violence abounds.

Studies prove that being constantly fed violent images influences toward that behavior. It makes sense. Studies also prove that being fed sexual material excites and hooks many into sexual pornographic addiction that can lead to violent behavior. That again is also just common sense.

Please do all that you can to change what is violent and sexually explicit on our airwaves. I appreciate so much that you are doing your job and wanting to make a better world for our children . . . for everyone.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bob and Pati

