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Sent: Monday, August 02, 2004 12:27 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Violence on TV

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Commissioner Michael Copps
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

To the most honorable FCC Chairman and Commissioners;

I am emailing you to urge you to reduce the amount of violence on TV. I have three young children that I do not want exposed to the violence that is so prevalent on TV. I don't let my children watch programs containing violence but still they are exposed to it.....the commercials advertising future programs are viewed by my children during the programs I allow them to watch.

Thank you

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