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Dear Commissioner Martin:

Words have power, and never has that been clearer than in the past few weeks!

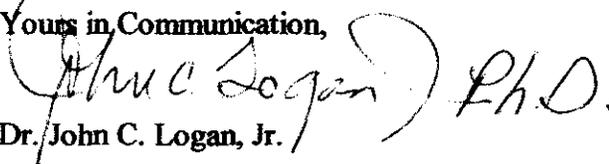
Don Imus. Mass killings at Virginia Tech University. "Stop snitchin." How much clearer can it be that the last thirty years of unbridled violence in song lyrics has done significant damage to our young people and our society. *We must not let this turn into "just another news cycle."*

As a thirty-year veteran of the broadcast industry, I know that we can once again take the reins of leadership, and I believe the **Federal Communications Commission** must tightly regulate the lyrical content of music broadcast on our nation's airwaves, just as it plans to regulate violence on television!

For leaders in all communities, the direction is clear. We must begin to use all available resources to turn this tide away from the "n" word, the "b" word, away from the message that "not snitchin" is an "ethical lifestyle!"

My book *Rap, Ritual & Reality: Violent Music Makes Violent Kids* represents a significant amount of research that proves over and over again that our allowing young people to be guided by artists – and corporations – that profit from the most vile and the ugliest impulses in human nature is a failure on our part. Worse: we are now paying the price for this failure. Don Imus and Virginia Tech and "Stop Snitchin" t-shirts are the tip of the proverbial iceberg. *We must take action now. There is no other alternative.*

Yours in Communication,

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P.S. How many bullets did the Virginia Tech mass murderer fire in the time it took you to read this letter?

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