

In response to the recent comments regarding TVGuardian and similar filtering products, I would respectfully request that the Commission keep two points in mind.

First, those who complain about inappropriate material being pumped into their homes via cable or satellite TV services are not only receiving those services by their own affirmative request, they are actually paying for it. If the programming material is as harmful as they seem to feel, a single phone call to the service provider is all that should be required to modify or even eliminate the service, and thus the inappropriate material.

Second, those calling for the mandatory inclusion of filtering products such as TVGuardian are either overlooking the fact or simply do not care that not all households have children or share their definitions about what is and is not appropriate. Especially in these difficult economic times, it seems wrong to require those of us who have no use for filtering products to pay for their mandatory inclusion in consumer electronic devices, solely for the benefit of those who desire to cede their parenting responsibilities to an electronic device.