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Dear FCC representative:

I am writing to urge the FCC to make TV Guardian technology available in all forms of media. We own a TV Guardian unit that works with traditional analog (non-HDMI) cables for our television. We have loved this technology. It has made a significant difference in what we are able to watch with our children. Many shows on television use slang or curse words frequently. These shows also are trending to utilizing this language at earlier times of the night. While we pay attention to the parental ratings (PG, V, etc.) on shows, these ratings do not fully provide the assurance that TV Guardian does that our family will not be subjected to offensive language.

TV Guardian also plays an even larger role in our ability to watch movies on DVD. Many R-rated movies are rated as such for profanity only. My wife and I do not enjoy profanity. I in particular enjoy war movies, but these are often filled with the "f-word". TV Guardian mutes these offensive words and replaces them with a phrase that is easy to read and does not take away from the meaning of what is being said. I have not bought a Blu-Ray player yet because TV Guardian will not work with HDMI. I have been holding out hope that TV Guardian would become available as a built-in component of a Blu-Ray player.

The closed-captioning is accurate enough on movies and TV programs so that a viewer can understand what is going on. It can be distracting right at first, but you quickly get used to it.

For our television viewing, we have recently moved to High-Definition with our satellite provider and we miss TV Guardian badly. While we police what our children watch, even with fairly decent shows, the writers often slip in a word or two that we would rather not have our children hear. I would gladly pay an extra amount to Dish Network each month to have the technology available or switch to another provider if they would offer the technology. I would pay a premium on a Blu-Ray player as well to have the technology built in to the player.

My one complaint is that movies made by Universal do not have the closed-captioning embedded to where TV Guardian can work. Shame on Universal Studios!

As you can tell, my family would love to see this technology more widely available from televisions to DVD players (including Blu-Ray) and also Internet. My family occasionally watches shows on the Internet that our DVR failed to record due to weather conditions. The availability of TV Guardian for the Internet would also be a huge plus.

Please, please, do whatever you can to make this technology available to consumers. My family will be the first to embrace it and are willing to pay to do so.

Sincerely,

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