

Please require digital television broadcasters (cable, satellite, etc.) to include the necessary signaling to allow TV Guardian or similar TV content filters to work. It is important and in the best interest of the American people to enable individual filtering of what comes into our homes. This is analogous to the use of filtering software that can be purchased for the internet. It is not equivalent to bowdlerizing or banning books because it gives the consumer the freedom to choose what they will consume. It does not subvert the artistic freedom of the media's creators because the full content will be there for whoever wants to look it. Instead, it simply gives individuals the freedom to make their own choices as to what parts of the artwork they shall look at, and this is basic freedom that characterizes our nation. We are not a nation of sheep who will be forced to consume whatever the powerful media elite force us to consume, with no options but to entirely disengage from a whole branch of media! No, TV is too important to our culture to allow it to be controlled by special interests. It should be entirely democratic with individuals having the maximum power to choose what they shall watch and hear. Please make this decision for freedom so that families who do not want to be exposed to foul language and inappropriate sexual content may continue to remain engaged with our culture through television.