

I urge the FCC to continue prohibitions against broadcast use of the "f-word" and nudity on commonly accessible TV and radio stations.

Relaxing present standards--already too lenient in my view--would accomplish nothing in advancing "freedom of expression" and would contribute to the already-pervasive coarsening of public discourse and behavior in this society.

The proposed changes in standards would also make more difficult the parental task of teaching appropriate boundaries to young children.

Our children are already exposed to such influences as these in school and would not benefit from the perception that behaviors such as extreme profanity and nudity are socially acceptable since they would be seeing such regularly on television and hearing them on the airwaves.

People who wish to experience profanity and nudity in their entertainment choices already have many options for accessing such via cable, satellite or pre-recorded media.

On the other hand, those who do not wish to be exposed will have no choice other than not to view entertainment media at all if the FCC relaxes even those restrictions which remain.

I urge the FCC to consider the wider implications of a significant segment of the population removing themselves from broadcast media altogether because there is no other way to insulate themselves from offensive material. Does the FCC truly wish to isolate people from practical access to news, political commentary, emergency broadcasts and the like? That would be one consequence of yielding to the demands of those insisting on removal of standards.

Thank you.