

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for considering our comment regarding Proceeding 13-86, Egregious Cases Policy.

Over the past fifty years, our society has become steeped in profanity and indecency, and, to a point, television programming has reflected this decline; however, today a line must be drawn over which we will not pass. The public dominance of television media demands that indecency policies be upheld and enforced. I do not believe this regulation infringes upon individual First Amendment freedoms but preserves a media that protects all citizens, young and old, from indecency, and leaves the desires of certain mature audiences to the Internet and other individual media choices.

Currently, viewers have a reasonable expectation of what will be seen and heard on television. If the bans on expletives and nudity are lifted, unhealthy and destructive behavior will enter family living rooms, particularly through live programming, where anything can happen. Should the bans be removed, ratings on all programs, live and taped, will be imperative.

To preserve our traditional and historical American values, current indecency policies must be upheld or risk alienation of a large segment of our society, which will not tolerate a lesser standard. If only egregious violations are investigated, and nudity and indecent speech are left to the discretion of the networks, family programming will dwindle to the point of being practically non-existent. People are easily corrupted, and it is the duty of our government to uplift society to preserve our nation. As with any meaning, one's interpretation of an "egregious" violation can become so fluid as to destroy any familiar expectation of decency. While I appreciate the logistical need for prioritization in administration, for the reasons stated herein, all current bans regarding expletives and nudity should remain.

Yours truly,

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