

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 21, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

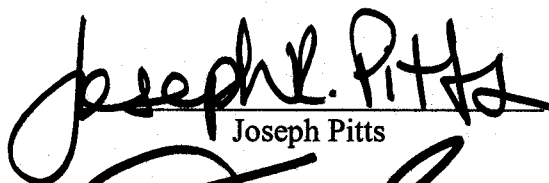
Dear Chairman Powell:

We are writing to express our serious concern about the recent Federal FCC decision to allow U2 lead singer Bono to get away with using an expletive on national television. As you know, Bono used this inappropriate language during his presentation on the Golden Globe Awards on January 19, 2003. Regardless of the specific circumstances surrounding Bono's comments, we believe that the FCC's response to this incident sends a poor message to the entertainment industry about the FCC's willingness to enforce standards for broadcast indecency.

The families that we represent are tired of having to cover their children's eyes and ears every time they turn on the television. They are frustrated that the media industry has seemingly been given carte blanche to broadcast any type of behavior or speech that they feel will bring in advertising dollars. Meanwhile, they feel that the federal government has sided with media elites and turned a blind eye to the concerns of ordinary Moms and Dads. These parents' standards of common decency are repeatedly offended and their parenting is undermined by the onslaught of prurient material on the television and the airwaves.

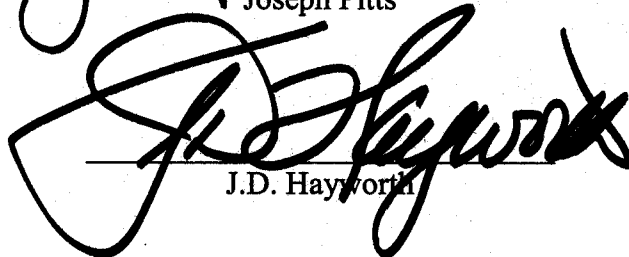
We urge you to review your decision on this matter and move aggressively to sanction those individuals and entities that violate indecency standards.

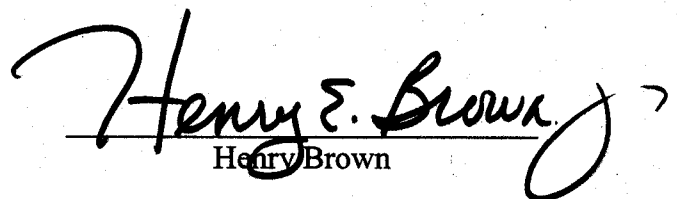
Per the FCC's ex parte rules for commenting on an Application for Review pending before the full Commission, a copy of this letter has been mailed to all parties to this proceeding.

  
Joseph Pitts

Sincerely,

  
Pete Hoekstra

  
J.D. Hayworth

  
Henry Brown

*John Hostettler*

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*Mike Pence*

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*Mike Simpson*

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*Sue Myrick*

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*Steve King*

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*Rob Bishop*

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*Virgil Goode*

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*Todd Akin*

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