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July 15, 2001

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The Honorable Patrick Leahy United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I appreciate receiving your letter regarding the work of Dr. Diane Preston-Reilly of Challenger Films. Please be assured that my staff has talked at length with Dr. Preston-Reilly about her project.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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April 9, 2001

Mrs. Laura Bush The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Bush:

I received the enclosed letter about media violence from one of my constituents. I respectfully refer it to you and ask that you please do with it as you see fit. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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PATRICK LEAHY United States Senator

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March 20, 2001

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Sen. Patrick Leahy US Senate - Russell Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

I would appreciate your help in an issue I've been involved in for some time. It is the matter of the television media and its negative effects on our youth by the type of programming offered. As you know, people have done a lot of talking about the recent school shootings, and not much more has been offered as a solution than more gun control or greater security in the schools. Almost no one has mentioned substituting the violent, anti-social icons youth have with the positive inspiring role models young people desperately need.

Dr. Diane Preston Reilly has been in the process of steering the Inspirational Hour challenge to mainstream media for the sake of our youth. The plan, already set in motion to help bring about this transition, includes the support and involvement of such national pro-family organizations as Focus on the Famil (James Dobson), Concerned Women for America, the Catholic Bishops Association, the National Political Black Womens Congress, the Parents Television Council and the Traditional Values Coalition. I will have her fax copies of these if you need.

The main thrust of this campaign now is to get positive programming for our nations youth, specifically teens, on network television. To this end, we are looking for a woman of national recognition with a wholesome mother appeal image to accompany Dr. Reilly to meet with Mr. Rupert Murdoch. We decided on a womanwho represents the best of motherhood because we are making an appeal to Murdoch on behalf of mothers in American who are concerrned about the fact that we can't send our kids to school in safe environments any more. No less can we be assured that they will be taught the values that will give them the winning edge in life.

Additionally, since listening to our new President talk about moral character in his inaugural speech, it would seem especially fitting that people who are concerned about character would want to support a national program on television that would show our youth what character is all about. What Dr. Preston Reilly is doing is right in alignment with President Bush's call to Amercians on this matter.

One of the programs in her series, by the way, included General John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who thought enough of this issue to give his time to introduce this outstanding young man from the Naval Academy. This is the kind of role models we should be presenting to our nations youth...and yes, they are out there. It is just the media decision makers who refuse to make this type of programming a priority in their programming itineraries. Thus, the Inspirational Hour challenge was created to overcome the bias.

I've enclosed a draft of the letter we would like you to send Laura Bush, which emphasizes what needs to be said here. If you check with Congressman Barrs office, they will verify that he wrote a similar letter (faxed to the White House on the 13th of February).

Thank you so much for your help with this matter for the sake of this nations youth.

Sincerely, anc. Nancy R. Brin

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Dear Mrs. Bush,

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We, like many, are concerned about the direct correlation between what kids watch on television and how they replicate this in their own actions. A review of research literature conducted by our government under the last four administrations supports this correlation.

One of constituents alerted us to an effort to offset the negative effects of TV programming. It is called the Inspirational Hour challenge. This effort is headed by Dr. Diane Preston-Reilly of Challenger Films. Hopefully, you have seen the material she sent you (through Congressman Barr's office) concerning her request to speak with you on this effort.

We would ask that you give this meeting special consideration in view of what the AMA is declaring as a national emergency violence and the lack of character amongst our youth.