A PETITION TO OUR LOCAL ABC AFFILIATE ASKING RESPECT FOR OUR FAMILIES

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As mothers, fathers, grandparents, and citizens who live in your viewing area, we sincerely ask that your station show respect for the families and children in our community and not carry the new program by Stephen Bochco entitled NYPD BLUE which ABC plans to begin showing this fall and which is expected to be the first "R-rated" network TV program.

USA Today said this about NYPD BLUE: "A clip shown at the New York presentation (of NYPD BLUE) featured a cop—Dennis Franz—in bed with a prostitute. Another scene had a colleague undressing a woman in a steamy sex scene. All this, and blood and guns and racy language, too, from Bochco..." When casting notices went out for the series, Hollywood agents were told that nudity would be required of the actresses who'll portray the show's two female leads.

Bochco told USA Today (6/3/93): "TV has always been 30 years behind the times. It's no secret I've been trying to drag these folks kicking and screaming into the 1990s. And I must say, ABC...has been terrific."

Brandon Tartikoff, head of NBC Entertainment for 10 years, said of his dealings with Bochco: "...he was always layering his scripts with double entendres, sexual situations, bare skin, and his trademark scatological humor...."

Bochco was the first to show a lengthy nude scene on network TV when Mariel Hemingway appeared nude in CIVIL WARS last fall and was the first to use the profanity "G— d—" in one of his entertainment programs. Defending his use of the profane term, he arrogantly told NIGHTLINE viewers that if they didn't like his profanity, they should "turn the G— d— thing off!"

We realize that you have the freedom as an ABC affiliate to refuse to carry any program ABC offers you. Therefore, we ask that you respect our families and refuse NYPD BLUE. We feel that TV is already too violent, sexually oriented and profane. We ask for more programs promoting good values, minus the violent, sexual and profane content. If you will show more clean, wholesome, family-oriented programs, we will support your station more with our viewing.

However, if you disregard our request and carry NYPD BLUE, it will be a clear signal that you don't care about our families. That being the case, we will stop watching your station completely or drastically reduce the number of programs we watch.

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