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Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications
Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

I am writing on behalf of our members to express our concerns about the Playboy films to be shown on the "First Canadian" Pay TV channel. It is our understanding that when First Canadian applied for its license, it did not specify that it would be showing pornographic Playboy films. The Commission did not have the benefit of this knowledge when it granted First Canadian a license. We question whether it is legitimate for First Canadian to now show films that degrade half the population. Furthermore, we wish to draw your attention to studies, namely by Neil Malamuth of the University of Manitoba and Dr. Donnerstein of the University of Wisconsin, that directly relate violence towards women to the viewing of violent films.

Since violence towards women is a serious problem, we do not feel that it is appropriate for the CRTC to condone such action by allowing First Canadian to show the Playboy films. We urge the CRTC to do everything in its power to stop the Playboy films from appearing on television.

Yours truly,

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