



Simsbury Community Television, Inc.

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COMMUNITY TELEVISION COMPLAINT REGARDING OBJECTIONABLE PROGRAMMING

The primary goal of Simsbury Community Television, Inc. (SCTV) is to facilitate the First Amendment right of free speech through the promotion of free expression and diverse ideas on the public access television channel. The Staff and Board of Directors at SCTV recognize that, given the nature of public access television, material that is offensive to some viewers may be aired from time to time. While the Board and Staff of SCTV are dedicated to protecting the First Amendment rights of those who produce and cablecast programs, we are equally dedicated to enforcing SCTV's rules as well as federal and state law regarding obscene, libelous or slanderous material.

In addition to rules regarding libel, slander and obscenity, SCTV also requires that all programming be of a non-commercial nature, may not promote gambling, lotteries or pyramid schemes, and may not otherwise be illegal under federal or state law. Also, mature programming on SCTV may only be aired during the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Because of a Constitutional principle known as prior restraint, the Staff of SCTV generally does not screen programs prior to cablecast, but producers are required to agree, in writing, that their programs do not violate any of the rules discussed above. If a producer violates any of these rules they are subject to discipline including being prohibited from cablecasting any program on SCTV.

The Staff and Board of SCTV encourage public comment regarding any program that violates any of these rules or standards. Because obscenity is a sensitive issue, on the back of this form you will find the definition of obscenity as contained in Connecticut's General Statutes. Please provide your comments or objections below:

NAME OF PROGRAM: _____

TIME AND DATE PROGRAM WAS CABLECAST: _____

PRODUCER (IF KNOWN): _____

THE PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE CABLECAST BECAUSE IT CONTAINS

(PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING):

- Obscenity
- Material which promotes a lottery or gambling
- Material that violates federal or state law
- Libelous or slanderous material
- Material of a commercial nature
- Mature material cablecast at an inappropriate hour

PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL YOUR OBJECTIONS.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Daytime Phone #**() _____