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## TOWN OF SUDBURY

Office of Selectmen

Sudbury, Mass. 01776

June 29, 1982

Roger A. Bump, Chairman  
Cable Advisory Committee  
9 Wilson Road  
Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776

Dear Roger:

The Selectmen have considered the comments presented at the meeting of June 21, 1982, concerning our letter to you of May 18. Upon consideration, we feel it would be inappropriate to rescind our letter.

The decision to write the letter of May 18 was not lightly made and was done anticipating that some individuals would construe it as censorship; however, this was not then, nor is it now, the intent.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sudbury asked that the Cable Advisory Committee consider pornography as a factor in its recommendations. To stifle discussion in this area would constitute a denial of the rights of the citizens of Sudbury and a form of censorship in itself.

Further, our letter never suggested that the Board of Selectmen or the Cable Advisory Committee should assume a responsibility for determining what should be censored, but rather sought your support for our belief that companies which, as a matter of policy, broadcast material which has previously been determined to be pornographic should be excluded from further consideration. Not only do we find it difficult to comprehend the reaction of your committee but, also, we must emphatically inform you that we remain unanimous in our position of not allowing a cable TV license to be issued to a company clearly involved in illegal activities. Nothing herein should be construed as applying to any of the applicants under consideration in Sudbury.

I trust the foregoing clarifies our letter of May 18.

Very truly yours,

William J. Cossart, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

cc: Board of Selectmen  
CAC members  
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