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FOIA No. 2017-582

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs (CGB), Enforcement (EB) Bureaus. Your request seeks all complaints about "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" on CBS since January 2017. Your request was assigned FOIA Control No. 2017-582.

CGB conducted a search of the databases in which we maintain the records of informal complaints filed by, or on behalf of, consumers. We located over 5700 complaints regarding the above program. We are providing 100 samples of the complaints we located. If you want more please let us know. If we don't hear from you by June 6th we will close your request.

Records responsive to your request were withheld or redacted under FOIA Exemption 6.¹ Exemption 6 protects files containing personally identifiable information disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Balancing the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy, we have determined

that release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Therefore, all FCC employee names, complainants' names, addresses, and telephone numbers were redacted under Exemption 6. The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment.

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); see also 47 CFR § 0.457(f).

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² 47 CFR § 0.466(a)(5)-(7).

³ 47 CFR §§ 0.461(j), 1.115; 47 CFR § 1.7 (documents are considered filed with the Commission upon their receipt at the location designated by the Commission).

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Sincerely,


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Attachments

[Ticket: # 1601331 - Disgusting language and lewd descriptions](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 3:16:03 PM

City/State/Zip: Arcadia, Florida 34266

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

And then Colbert finished it off with the most scathing line of them all: "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster," which elicited gasps from the studio audience.

Ticket: # 1601345 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 3:21:27 PM

City/State/Zip: Austin, Texas 78738

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

His continued use of vulgar language is escalating. His use of sexual comments and perverse patterns has got to the point of me making my first ever complaint about any show. I do hope you take action against CBS and Mr. Colbert

Ticket: # 1601610 - Profanity-laced and inappropriate language

Date: 5/2/2017 4:22:37 PM

City/State/Zip: Lodo, California 95242

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Last night's Steven Colbert opening monologue was vulgar. Please fine all associated with the program to the extent that law allows.

Ticket: # 1601639 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 4:27:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

5/1/17 of the Colbert Show - disgusting and unprofessional.

Ticket: # 1601769 - Obscene

Date: 5/2/2017 5:05:33 PM

City/State/Zip: Houston, Texas 77023

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Steven Colbert Monolog on President Trump 100 days on May 1, 2017. Referring to Trump being a cock holster for Putin. Please STOP This!

Ticket: # 1601981 - Inappropriate language on Late Show

Date: 5/2/2017 6:16:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Belen, New Mexico 87002

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert has crossed the line last night by stating vulgar language I have included a link.
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10159045517255354&id=95475020353

Ticket: # 1602037 - Obscenity on Broadcast TV airwaves

Date: 5/2/2017 6:45:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Haverhill, Massachusetts 01832

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert used disgusting language while insulting the President of US, the honorable President Donald J. Trump. It was offensive and the station should be punished severely.

Ticket: # 1602134 - Colbert Late Show complaint

Date: 5/2/2017 7:33:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

CBS' the Late Show with Stephen Colbert, the monologue on May 1. It was crude and used the "c***" word, which was blurred out, and a homosexual reference. Very crude.

Ticket: # 1602159 - Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 7:44:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Sherman Oaks, California 91423

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

You know why I dislike Colbert. Why isn't he fined already? His rant was beyond the pale.

Ticket: # 1602174 - Overt Homophobia by CBS show host

Date: 5/2/2017 7:48:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The late show host Stephen Colbert has decided its a good time to practice rampant homophobia, and assume since he's referring ones he doesnt like, its all good.

Ticket: # 1602178 - Stephen Colbert- Profanity

Date: 5/2/2017 7:49:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

You've probably already heard about Stephen Colbert's homophobic remarks concerning our President, addressing him in a monologue ON-AIR "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's c-k holster." Many of my friends are gay and feel targeted, and I feel that this kind of vulgarity is beneath the dignity of American broadcasting.

Ticket: # 1602200 - Homophobic slur on television

Date: 5/2/2017 7:53:48 PM

City/State/Zip: El Paso, Texas 79936

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Last night on May 1st, 2017 on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Mr. Colbert uttered a slur against homosexuals. By referring to Donald Trump's mouth as a "cock holster". Homophobia is wildly inappropriate even if it is late night television. I demand the network and Mr. Colbert be held accountable

Ticket: # 1602201 - Stephen Colbert Homophobic Joke

Date: 5/2/2017 7:54:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Las Vegas, Nevada 89120

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was deeply troubled by Stephen Colbert's wildly inappropriate homophobic jab during his show. Oppression of minority sexual orientations is never funny.

Ticket: # 1602224 - The Clobert report

Date: 5/2/2017 8:00:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Bountiful, Utah 84010

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was watching my favorite show "the Colbert report" on 5/1/17 when he said the President was a "dick holster" for putin, this is a homophobic slur as well as obscene. My boyfriend and I were beyond horrified by this, we have been a loving gay couple and have faced this discrimination for years. Pls fix.

[Ticket: # 1602254 - Homophobia on the Today Show](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 8:11:13 PM

City/State/Zip: Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Last night, I was disgusted when Stephen Colbert used a disgusting homophobic slur against Donald Trump. While I hate Trump, I have a sibling who is homosexual and am upset that Colbert used a slur like that as just a joke.

Ticket: # 1602272 - The Late Show

Date: 5/2/2017 8:20:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Rochester, New York 14623

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I'm very offended at the latest episode of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. He made a very rude and homophobic joke about a "cock holster" that had me shaken to my core. I don't think that kind of language and ideology should be on public television, especially on a trusted family station like CBS.

[Ticket: # 1602295 - Indecency complaint](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 8:27:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Bristow, Virginia 20136

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

During Late Night with Stephen Colbert, Mr. Colbert referred to the President's mouth as a penis receptacle. The exact term used was "cock holster". This is disgusting and vile. Although nighttime standards are more relaxed than daytime, this sort of verbiage should not be aired over the public broadcast.

Ticket: # 1602361 - Stephen Colbert's homophobic remark

Date: 5/2/2017 8:48:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Fort Worth, Texas 76135

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert, host of The Late Show used a vulgar slur to describe Donald Trump which was also very homophobic. His remark puts the LGBT community in a bad light and that's simply unacceptable. Letterman would never be this inconsiderate. I am never watching The Late Show again so long as that bigot is on.

Ticket: # 1602475 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:27:04 PM

City/State/Zip: Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was watching television with my young children when I heard host Stephen Colbert telling America that the President should shut his "cockholster" which was absolutely revolting and offensive and not something that kids should be exposed to, especially on a network program. Please do the right thing and discipline these disgusting broadcasters.

Ticket: # 1602483 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:28:44 PM

City/State/Zip: Garden City, New York 11530

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

On May 1 show Colbert went into a disgusting obscene rant about the President of the US . His rant was gross and indecent depicting That the Presidents mouth is a holster for Putins COCK.....how can you possibly allow this raucous kind of entertainment on CBS....This is not a cable show where some pay for that kind of talk....what the hell is going on in our country.....Disgusting

Ticket: # 1602493 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:31:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Iron River, Michigan 49935

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

On his show "The Late Show", Colbert expressed homophobic views and jokes, promoting violence towards trans and gay individuals. This shall not be tolerated.

Ticket: # 1602543 - Stephen Colbert's recent broadcast

Date: 5/2/2017 9:47:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Poway, California 92064

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

In a recent broadcast, Stephen Colbert made some comments that can be perceived as very homophobic. He stated that the only thing that President Trump's mouth is good for is "being Vladimir Putin's cock holster."

Ticket: # 1602553 - Hate Speech

Date: 5/2/2017 9:50:04 PM

City/State/Zip: Concord, North Carolina 28025

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was appalled at Stephen Colberts comments. The fact that he is able to get away with such blatant hate speech is an atrocity. Insulting homosexuals is not acceptable.

Ticket: # 1602569 - Steven Colbert Homophobia

Date: 5/2/2017 9:55:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I demand something be done to correct Steven Colbert's violent homophobic remarks that have no place in today's society.

[Ticket: # 1602634 - CBS Colbert obscenity](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 10:21:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Pensacola, Florida 32514

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Late night Stephen Colbert obscene comments

Ticket: # 1602684 - Offensive Homophobia from Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:40:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I am deeply disturbed and offended by the bigoted and homophobic remarks that Stephen Colbert was allowed to make on his show. This unacceptable intolerance and bigotry has no place on television in 2017

Ticket: # 1602768 - Steven Colbert should be removed from tv

Date: 5/2/2017 11:09:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33315

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Complaining about Colbert's racism/homophobia/misogyny/sexism toward president, remove Colbert from tv!

Ticket: # 1602849 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 11:44:43 PM

City/State/Zip: Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805-1876

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, "This Monologue Goes Out To You, Mr. President", aired May 1st. Very disgusting rash of disrespectful jokes about our current Sitting President. Near the end of that "POTUS joke monologue there was a very disgusting joke about President Trump and Russian President Putin, which eludes to oral sex. My kids came home today after seeing a portion of this show that was downloaded on their friends cell phones. They were asking me what a "c*^k holster" is and about the other nasty stuff Mr. Colbert implied about our President. This kind of garbage being aired on TV and on YouTube is very inappropriate as it is, but even worse is that it was directed at our Current President! This is teaching our kids to have no respect for anything any more, and to make fun of gay people. I take great offence at Mr. Colberts rude jokes and I am very saddened that he promotes the political hatred that seems to have infected our entire Country now! Implying that there is some sort of sexual relation between our President and The Russian President, and the way he made his "joke" with the words he used, (and the one he also blocked out), still got the meaning out and this has just gone way too far! I am asking for Mr. Colbert's show to be removed and for CBS to be reprimanded for airing such rude and disrespectful content. And I request that Mr. Colbert and CBS issue a full apology on the air to our President and to all of us Americans who saw and were offended by the content of this show!

Here is the link to the monologue on the CBS website. The foul part is about 11 minutes or so in:
http://www.cbs.com/shows/the-late-show-with-stephen-colbert/video/IZ8X8knZlbIWHY_AHFS17FwgBBKnvEe0/this-monologue-goes-out-to-you-mr-president/

Thank you!

Ticket: # 1602850 - CBS Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 11:45:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Aurora, Illinois 60506

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I could not believe the language Colbert was,allied to use. I almost never watch his program because of his tastless humor but for some reason I watched. His slamming of Donald Trump is considered what comedians do but the foul reference and offensive language was beyond the pale. I can not believe this was allowed and I doubt if he will be reprimanded in any way.

Ticket: # 1601958 - Profanity/obsenity/indecency

Date: 5/2/2017 6:03:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Marco Island, Florida 34145

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

On Stephen Colbert's 1 May 2017 monologue, he said of President Trump "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster".

Ticket: # 1601992 - Hate Crime On TV

Date: 5/2/2017 6:23:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Sugar Land, Texas 77479

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert used a homophobic hate slur in order to make a bizarre attack on President Donald Trump on Face the Nation. I thought there were laws against targeting minorities according to sexuality, but apparently not. Very sad day for television.

Ticket: # 1602096 - CBS and the Steven Colbert show

Date: 5/2/2017 7:11:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was outraged at the indecent language Steven Colbert used on his CBS show about our President of the United States of America. I thought this type of language was forbidden on TV, this sounds like the kind of language used by some on C.B. radio.---What has this country become, and are you going to enforce the rules?, Or are there any anymore?

Ticket: # 1602147 - Stephen Colbert program

Date: 5/2/2017 7:40:29 PM

City/State/Zip: Orlando, Florida 32806

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Mr. Colbert stated on his TV show, and repeated and retweeted on the internet, that the President of the United States had a 'mouth that was only suited to be a Putin cock holster'. This is vile, obscene, offensive, and serves no artistic purpose. It is only broadcast by Colbert to shock his viewing audience and gain viewers. This

Ticket: # 1602173 - Profanity, Vulgarity and Homophobia during "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"

Date: 5/2/2017 7:48:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Kingman, Arizona 86401

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

During last evening's edition of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert", the show's principal character, Mr. Colbert, uttered a vulgar, profane, homophobic slur to our President. This brand of hateful speech has absolutely no place on our airwaves. The airwaves belong to the people and if he does not like the President, then either he should speak in a more measured and respectful manner or say nothing. I am deeply offended that a National Network is allowed to broadcast this and they need to be sanctioned and the performer fined and punished.

Ticket: # 1602220 - Late Night - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 7:59:39 PM

City/State/Zip: Draper, Utah 84020

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Last night, I witnessed one of the most raunchy and disgusting television programs I have ever experienced when Stephen Colbert was speaking of the President of the United States: "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster." Is there no decency in television? Do I have to censor every minute before allowing my children to watch what was supposed to be humor? Is this what CBS wants their viewers to experience? I am dumbstruck by the appearance of both CBS and Stephen Colbert that this behavior is normal. It is disgusting! Please investigate.

Ticket: # 1602225 - Stephen Colbert of The Late Show

Date: 5/2/2017 8:00:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert using homophobic and disgusting language live on television last night, such as calling President Trump a quote, "Putin's cock holster" is absolutely unacceptable when young children are watching. I am shocked that the FCC would allow such material to be aired on networks such as CBS and hope the FCC will take appropriate action.

Ticket: # 1602231 - Stephen Colbert's inappropriate remarks.

Date: 5/2/2017 8:01:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Melbourne, Florida 32905

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I am one of many people who have been offended by Mr. Colbert's salacious remarks. I have been a fan of his since I was a child. It is shocking and dismaying to hear such vulgarities straight from his mouth! If he doesn't apologize then I am boycotting your whole network.

Ticket: # 1602240 - CBS hatespeech

Date: 5/2/2017 8:07:10 PM

City/State/Zip: Nyc, New York 10036

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was utterly dismayed to see Stephen Colbert's vulgar, explicit and hateful comments about homosexuality on The Late Show. It's 2017. I really thought we left this kind of bigotry in the wastebin of history. Instead I have to endure it during dinner with me and my husband's son.

[Ticket: # 1602247 - Stephan Colbert's Homophobic Slur](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 8:10:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Yakima, Washington 98902

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephan Colbert made a homophobic slur insulting Trump

Ticket: # 1600824 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 1:20:24 PM

City/State/Zip: Clifton, Colorado 81520

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The host, Stephen Colbert, is using vile language. I find it extremely offensive to say a sitting President's mouth is in his words, "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster," This is not funny it is vile and degrading and indecent. It is an insult to the highest office of the United States of America. The language of his entire monologue if you want to call it that is offensive.

Ticket: # 1600921 - Indecent comments by colbert of face the nation

Date: 5/2/2017 1:46:30 PM

City/State/Zip: Holton, Michigan 49425

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

colbert called the President of the United States mouth a "cock holster" on the air. I think this is at best foul and indecent. I would like to see cbs fined, and colbert not allowed to appear on air for a good long time.

Ticket: # 1600964 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 1:53:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Syracuse, New York 13082

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert's monologue on his late night show on May 1.2017 was completely disgusting and offensive and I want to make a formal complaint.

I think many Americans were offended by the language and his behavior towards our President.

This behavior can not go on.Please fine him or take his show off the air!

Can you even imagine if this was said about Obama?Yeah,I didn't think so!

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Ticket: # 1601052 - Steven Colbert CBS

Date: 5/2/2017 2:11:22 PM

City/State/Zip: St Petersburg, Florida 33707

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

, And then Colbert finished it off on Network TV CBS (speaking of the President of the United States Donald Trump) with the most scathing line of them all: "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster,"

I know all you Commie shills hate this president but it is your job to keep these Leftists from dragging this nation further into the gutter.

Ticket: # 1601102 - Stephen Colbert Profanity

Date: 5/2/2017 2:19:11 PM

City/State/Zip: Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Profane, homosexual slur used against the President of The United States by Stephen Colbert on CBS.

Ticket: # 1601178 - The Colbert Show disgusting language.

Date: 5/2/2017 2:33:10 PM

City/State/Zip: West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert last night on his show used extremely offensive and discriminatory language in his monologue. I was extremely offended and he should be fined and censored.

Ticket: # 1601191 - Stephen Colbert's vulgar rant against President Trump

Date: 5/2/2017 2:39:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Claude, Texas 79019

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

His rant against the duly elected President of the United States is beyond the pale. To say that President Trump's mouth is only good for being Vladimir Putin's c**kholster is vulgar beyond belief. The entire piece was slanderous. Please have Mr. Colbert removed from the airways. This should not stand. This would never have been tolerated against any other president in our history.

Ticket: # 1601211 - Colbert show

Date: 5/2/2017 2:45:42 PM

City/State/Zip: Rudy, Arkansas 72952

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I have NEVER heard such vile language on any non cable network as I did last night on the Colbert Show. I am appalled and I submit you will hear from many more people about this. It is unpardonable and so sad that I can't even use my antenna to watch television. I already cancelled cable, now this?

Ticket: # 1601256 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 2:56:04 PM

City/State/Zip: American Fork, Utah 84003

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Last night's show (May 1st) included very unacceptably comments by Steven Colbert concerning President Trump and Putin. There must be strong sanctions imposed on Colbert and CBS for this nonsense. My concern has nothing to do with political. My concerns is about common decency and the availability of this nonsense to the general public.

Ticket: # 1601466 - indecent and derogatory slur on late show with Stephen Colbert on CBS

Date: 5/2/2017 3:48:26 PM

City/State/Zip: Freeville, New York 13068

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert in his monologue said regarding President Trump's mouth "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster," . This comment is quite outrageous, disrespectful and disgusting. As a steward of the public airwaves, you need to make sure that kind of behavior is strongly discouraged through publicly denouncing it, requiring an on air public apology to the public and by fining both Mr. Colbert and CBS.

Ticket: # 1601497 - Vulgarity on evening TV program

Date: 5/2/2017 3:53:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Fayetteville, Georgia 30215

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Late night TV show host Stephen Colbert was vulgar and offensive in his monologue directed at the sitting president of the United States. His ultimate comment that "the President's mouth was only good for being Vladimir Putin's cock holster" should result in the FCC immediately fining CBS for allowing such vulgarity on their network show.

Ticket: # 1601577 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 4:15:48 PM

City/State/Zip: Millington, Tennessee 38053

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert's show on May 1, 2017 was offensive, vulgar, sexually- charged, obscene and disrespectful. Thank God my children, elderly parents, and other loved ones did not see the dispicable display of vitriol that spewed from his hateful mouth! I can not believe this pre-recorded trash was allowed to sit by CBS. It was out right filth and I could not believe what I was hearing from a MAJOR network. Cable is one thing, but for this to air on a major network is disgusting. Where are the standards? What is the limit? The sexually explosive language was off the charts for a major network. I'm done with CBS!

Ticket: # 1601631 - The Late Show On CBS

Date: 5/2/2017 4:25:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Travelers Rest, South Carolina 29690

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The host of the Late Show last night crossed the line for network television. He made a homophobic vulgar comment speaking about President Trump. Here is the actual comment he said. " "In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's cock holster," which elicited gasps from the studio audience." How is this allowed on network television. I think they need to be fined or he needs to be removed from the air. That kind of filth and homophobic talk does NOT belong on network television. I could maybe see him doing it on a cable channel, but not a major network.

Ticket: # 1601733 - Colbert Show

Date: 5/2/2017 4:54:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I saw the Colbert monologue insulting the president. I was shocked at the sexual nature of the monologue. Still, a day later, I am shocked. I expect the FCC will hit CBS with a multi-million dollar fine for violating the conditions of their broadcast license. Their license should be reviewed or revoked.

Ticket: # 1601775 - CBS - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 5:06:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Miramar Beach, Florida 32550

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I realize stations can say things past certain times

But CBS allowed the late show some disgusting comments from Stephen Colbert.

My understanding this was a taped show.

For basic tv this is unacceptable.

If you find there is nothing wrong with this

What need is the FCC

Ticket: # 1601832 - Steven Colbert's Late Show's Homophobic Remarks

Date: 5/2/2017 5:26:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Richardson, Texas 75081

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I'm not usually one to file complaints like these, but I was watching the Late Show with Steven Colbert last night and witnessed a horrible string of offensive, homophobic slurs. It was hardly a joke, what it was... was the normalization of bigotry and extremely demeaning to the LGBT. Hateful, pointed homophobic insults should not be passing as jokes. Shame on CBS.

Ticket: # 1601851 - Stephen Colbert Lewd Joke

Date: 5/2/2017 5:31:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Titusville, New Jersey 08560

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert is not on paid programing but on national television. His cursing offended me and others. This was on CBS last night May 1, 2017. If you allow this without addressing it, others will get worse.

Ticket: # 1602291 - Stephen Colbert 1MAY2017

Date: 5/2/2017 8:27:00 PM

City/State/Zip: North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

not sure if anyone at FCC or standards and practices were tuned into stephen colbert's show last night but he made a wildly inappropriate regarding the sitting president acting as vladimir putin's "cock holster".. something must be done immediately.

Ticket: # 1602299 - Slur on The Late Show w/ Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 8:28:07 PM

City/State/Zip: New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert used a sexual slur in hateful way that demeaned countless LGBTQA+ individuals. I will not repeat the attack on those individuals but his use portrayed those people in an unsympathetic light. I know Colbert knows better, but I believe the vitriol of politics has consumed his judgment.

Ticket: # 1602313 - Homophobic remarks on Stephen Colbert's late night show

Date: 5/2/2017 8:32:25 PM

City/State/Zip: Buffalo, New York 14202

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Hello, I am a trans man who identifies as homosexual. Last night I was watching TV with my partner and we switched over to CBS and we both heard something that made us feel uncomfortable. At first I didn't want to react or make a big deal but after thinking about it I realized that what Stephen Colbert said really hurt me and worried me that people are reverting to their old ways of thinking. I was bullied a lot in school and this touched me deeply. The specific comment aired was "the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's c*ck holster". My partner and I spoke about this and I decided to file this complaint. There is nothing wrong with two men who love each other. I don't like Trump but I also don't like anti-homosexual comments being aired for millions of people to see. I have to say, shame on you for allowing this. I thought CBS was a bastion of progress.

Ticket: # 1602338 - Homophobia on Colbert show

Date: 5/2/2017 8:38:05 PM

City/State/Zip: University Place, Washington 98466

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

BLATANT HOMOPHOBIA on the late show - very offended

Ticket: # 1602340 - Stephen Colbert Homophobic Remarks

Date: 5/2/2017 8:38:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Seattle, Washington 98002

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I would like to say that Late Show host Stephen Colbert made Homophobic remarks last night on his show. I would like to say that as a representative of the LGBT community that I think that Colbert should be fired. Remarks like that are not tolerated in a society like this.

Ticket: # 1602356 - The Last Late Show

Date: 5/2/2017 8:46:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Detroit, Michigan 48201

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen colbert and his homophobic "joke" is literally out of line in 2017 I was literally shokking after that "joke"

Ticket: # 1602377 - Stephen Colbert Homosexual remarks

Date: 5/2/2017 8:55:38 PM

City/State/Zip: Staten Island, New York 10307

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

As a homosexual male I am extremely offended that Stephen Colbert called accused Donald Trump of performing fellatio on Russian President Vladimir Putin while I was watching tv with my husband and two young children. Unacceptable.

Ticket: # 1602408 - Langoage

Date: 5/2/2017 9:02:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Sarasota, Florida 34237

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Steven Colbert show on CBS referring to Trumps mouth as a cock holster. This is not language that should be on public television. It is disgusting, its offensive, and should not be allowed.

Ticket: # 1602420 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:04:54 PM

City/State/Zip: Los Angeles, California 90005

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I found Stephen Colbert's comments last night in his monologue about our president to be quite offensive, indecent, and also possibly homophobic.

Ticket: # 1602426 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:07:34 PM

City/State/Zip: Pensacola, Florida 32501

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert used a homophobic joke on national television. He said that Doanld Trumps mouth was c-cokholster for Vladimir Putin's d-ck. This is a disgusting attempt of a straight white male using homosexuality to shame another straight while male as though being gay implys some kind of weakness. We in the LGBTQ community refuse to accept this type of bigotry. CBS needs to be fined and we need Colbert off television, or so help me God, the protests will be violent.

Ticket: # 1602429 - Homophobia

Date: 5/2/2017 9:08:01 PM

City/State/Zip: New York City, New York 10112

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

As a late night TV show enthusiast, I was horrified to hear Stephen Colbert use homophobic slurs on his show. I will not watch it again until an apology is made and the issue is rectified.

[Ticket: # 1602439 - Colbert's gross talk...](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 9:11:28 PM

City/State/Zip: Aurora, Colorado 80015

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert of the CBS "Late Show" used an offensive slur against President Trump. The word was "cockholster" and said live on-air. The FCC needs to do something.

Ticket: # 1602453 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:16:56 PM

City/State/Zip: Centreville, Virginia 20120

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was greatly offended by the host of the Late Show using such inappropriate language on what is supposed to be more sophisticated programming. This kind of stuff belongs on HBO, not CBS!

Ticket: # 1602464 - Late Show With Stephen Colbert 5/1/2017

Date: 5/2/2017 9:23:59 PM

City/State/Zip: Brook Park, Ohio 44142

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert's absolutely disgraceful attack on President Trump on his "Late Show" of 5/1/2017 was both outrageous and offensive to myself and many other Americans. It doesn't matter which political party you belong to his behaviour, language and utter contempt for decency and respectful dialogue was, I feel, a violation of standards by the CBS television network. I feel that CBS should face the strictest fines and penalties for allowing this to be broadcast.

Ticket: # 1602467 - CBS Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:25:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Los Angeles, California 90009

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

CBS's late night host Stephen Colbert far exceeded the bounds of decency with his comments about President Trump and Vladimir Putin on his broadcast last night, May 1, 2017. It was very offensive and I encourage you to sanction Mr. Colbert and the network. Video here:

<https://twitter.com/colbertlateshow/status/859193622654332934>

Thank you.

Ticket: # 1602506 - Colbert CBS Late Night May 1 2017

Date: 5/2/2017 9:36:35 PM

City/State/Zip: Eldersburg, Maryland 21784

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert CBS

Homophobia and Hate Speech

Not free speech or humor, but vile slander used to demean and ridicule gay men. This was not a slip of the tongue, but a planned attack written and edited by a team of CBS writers and producers.

Colbert must be held to standards of decency and fairness.

Ticket: # 1602554 - Vulgar language

Date: 5/2/2017 9:50:36 PM

City/State/Zip: Oak Harbor, Washington 98277

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Me and my boyfriend were appalled at Stephen Colberts comments after a long and arduous path of coming out, losing friends and family and struggling with my sexuality this segment had me in tears as I realized how deep homophobia is still rooted in the media. We are also thinking of campaigning further on this issue and will seek to highlight this case as an example. Thanks for your time.

Ticket: # 1602567 - The late show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:54:46 PM

City/State/Zip: Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Colbert's disgusting monologue about president Trump. Saying his mouth was a "Cock Holster" for Putin. Enough is enough, fine CBS and Colbert!

Ticket: # 1602584 - Cancel Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 9:58:55 PM

City/State/Zip: Apollo Beach, Florida 33572

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

As a proud stepfather, my wife's son and I were watching Late Night with Stephen Colbert while my wife was in the other room with Jerome. With a gay father and two gay mothers, I found it offensive when Stephen Colbert referred to Trump as a "Cock Holster" which was a homophobic insult hurled at my parents for decades. I was literally shaking. Now, I am in NO way fond of the current president, who is #notmy prez beeteedubs, checkum, however I'm sure even our Yaaasss kween slay, herself, would be offended by the actions of the late night talk show host that has been dropping in the ratings for quite some time now.

Ticket: # 1602593 - Insensitive Remark by Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:06:21 PM

City/State/Zip: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19010

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was watching Colbert with my friends and we COULDN'T believe how insensitive and hateful his comments were towards the gay community and allies. This should never have been allowed to happen! I'm horrified and saddened.

Ticket: # 1602597 - Stephen Colbert monologue

Date: 5/2/2017 10:08:22 PM

City/State/Zip: Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The monologue done by Stephen Colbert on his CBS show should never have been allowed to air. It was homophobic, totally unfunny and disrespectful to two world leaders. It was mean-spirited and would never have been allowed if the subject had been Obama or Hilary. It is time to stop this hatred and vile rhetoric directed at our President and the FCC needs to see that CBS is fined heavily and Colbert fired.

Ticket: # 1602602 - Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:11:55 PM

City/State/Zip: Charlottesville, Virginia 22901

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Colbert's virulent homophobic attack yesterday left me in tears. He may paint it as fighting Drumpf but what it is is spreading homophobia, hate and gender roles.

Ticket: # 1602603 - Stephen Colbert TV Show

Date: 5/2/2017 10:12:19 PM

City/State/Zip: San Diego, California 92126

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

As a gay man, I am deeply offended by Stephen Colbert's homophobic comments that are completely unacceptable. In this political atmosphere of hate and bigotry this is the last thing America needs. CIS white males like Stephen should know better than to disparage LGBTQ Americans across the country. I hope you will see that corrective action is taken.

Ticket: # 1602611 - Steven Colbert Filthy Mouth Broadcast on CBS

Date: 5/2/2017 10:16:03 PM

City/State/Zip: Moore, Oklahoma 73170

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert goes after Donald Trump in vulgar, insult-laden network TV rant

In his RANT, Colbert said on national TV: "You have more people marching against you than cancer," he said. "You talk like a sign language gorilla who got hit in the head. In fact, the only thing your mouth is good for is being Vladimir Putin's c**k holster."

I did not actual watch the show, but was appalled when it was reported, it made me so mad I had to report it. I read it on the "Blaze" website. It is probably on many others except CBS.

I have real issues with people saying this kind of stuff on the air and getting away with it if they are not in the correct political party. Something Should be done about this.

Thank you.

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Ticket: # 1602614 - Stephen Colbert's (most recent) vulgar rant.

Date: 5/2/2017 10:17:23 PM

City/State/Zip: Houston, Texas 77055

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Loser Colbert has been ranting and raving ever since Trump became President, but last night, he crossed the line. No where should what he said be acceptable about President Trump. Colbert needs to go. Boycotting CBS & their sponsors until something done.

Ticket: # 1602636 - Regarding the Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:22:07 PM

City/State/Zip: Nyc, New York 11010

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Hello,

I am appalled by the words uttered on Mr. Colbert's show. No person should speak that way about our President on national television. Please show some concern and take the necessary steps to punish their operation.

Sincerely,

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Ticket: # 1602643 - The Late Show

Date: 5/2/2017 10:23:20 PM

City/State/Zip: Lynnwood, Washington 98037-2710

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

"Obscene speech is not protected by the First Amendment and cannot be broadcast at any time. To be obscene, material must meet a three-prong test: (1) an average person, applying contemporary community standards, must find that the material, as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest; (2) the material must depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by applicable law; and (3) the material, taken as a whole, must lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value."

Based on the FCC definition of obscenity as cited, the closing comments in the Stephen Colbert monologue of 5/1/2017 qualify. The explicit reference to gay oral sex appeals to the prurient interest. Ask any "average person" applying contemporary community standards. The portion of the monologue in question (near the end of the segment) definitely describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way. Finally, Mr. Colbert's comments - on broadcast network television - (forget any indecency "safe harbor") lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Please investigate this violation of over-the-air broadcast regulations pertaining to obscenity.

Ticket: # 1602649 - Unbelievable that Colbert is ok in saying this!

Date: 5/2/2017 10:24:36 PM

City/State/Zip: Denver, Colorado 80222

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I will start by saying that this was deplorable at best and degenerate to see on national television. CBS is appalling for allowing something as offensive as "cock holster" to air, especially without warning! I am hoping you will hold Steven Colbert and CBS responsible for this!!

[Ticket: # 1602666 - Homophobia on a major network program](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 10:32:05 PM

City/State/Zip: Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

In his most recent late night special, Stephen Colbert used homophobic language when describing President Donald Trump's oral functions. This level of derisiveness regarding the plight of homosexuals is unacceptable, especially for someone who is one of the most highly rated political talk show hosts in the country.

Ticket: # 1602667 - Obscenity, indecency and disrespect of President Trump - Stephen Colbert and CBS

Date: 5/2/2017 10:32:08 PM

City/State/Zip: Clearwater, Florida 33762

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I am filing a formal complaint regarding the hate filled rankings and indecent obscene comments from Steven Colbert on CBS's late show. His commentary went way too far. Both he and CBS should be formally admonished and steps taken to stop this hateful ad ongoing campaign from MSM to destroy our country and bringdiwn Presisent Trump. There should be CONSEQUENCES.

[Ticket: # 1602671 - Stephen Colbert should be fired for his indecent on-air rants against President Trump](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 10:33:51 PM

City/State/Zip: Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was appalled at the language used by Stephen Colbert, and obviously sanctioned by CBS, against our President. The President of this great country should be respected! Please use whatever powers are available to stop him from repeating this offensive behavior on air.

Ticket: # 1602673 - Colbert rant

Date: 5/2/2017 10:34:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Topeka, Kansas 66546

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

I was watching colbert with my wife and her kids, like how i used to watch letterman with my folks. Imagine my shock when the host was suddenly ranting and raving, and delivering homophobic remarks. I was literally shaking, i couldn't believe it. Hes a big guy, and i have to wonder who people like you can sleep at night knowing his master plan involved yelling profanity on what was once family programming.

Ticket: # 1602693 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:44:45 PM

City/State/Zip: Fairfield, Connecticut 06825

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

On May 1st, 2017 Stephen Colbert launched a vitriolic tirade against Donald Trump that included vulgar, homophobic comments.

Ticket: # 1602720 - Indecent language

Date: 5/2/2017 10:53:04 PM

City/State/Zip: Denver, Colorado 80201

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Mr. Colbert referencing obscene words regarding homosexual fellatio in a demeaning context is ABSOLUTELY disgusting. This man is vile and as a Jewish man I demand CBS and th FCC hold him accountable.

Ticket: # 1602731 - Late Night with Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/2/2017 10:58:32 PM

City/State/Zip: Grand Bay, Alabama 36541

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Mr. Colbert went too far with his homophobic rant against a sitting President. He should be suspended and your network should be fined by the FCC.

[Ticket: # 1602736 - Steven Colbert/The Late Show](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 11:00:02 PM

City/State/Zip: Santee, California 92071

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Steven Colbert crossed the line on public television, when he made his vulgar remark against President Trump on 5/1/2017. Joke-telling is fine, but this went too far and I will never patronize any sponsors of the Late Show.

[Ticket: # 1602738 - Stephen Colbert remarks unacceptable.](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 11:00:14 PM

City/State/Zip: Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert on CBS's Late Show has made obscene homophobic slurs about President Trump on 05/01/2017. His hateful speech is unacceptable for a Broadcast Network and should face punitive measures.

Ticket: # 1602739 - Stephen Colbert graphic homophobic joke

Date: 5/2/2017 11:00:19 PM

City/State/Zip: Urbana, Illinois 61802

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

On the Late Show, Stephen Colbert told a graphic joke about Donald Trump that was homophobic. Not only was it extremely lewd, in that it implied that Putin keeps his penis in Trump's mouth, but by using accusations of being gay as an insult, it implied that there is something wrong with being gay. The joke was far out of line and should not be allowed on the basic networks. I hope there will be consequences for this so it won't happen again.

Ticket: # 1602742 - The Late Show with Stephen Colbert airing on CBS. Anti-gay joke

Date: 5/2/2017 11:00:41 PM

City/State/Zip: El Paso, Texas 79924

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

11 minutes 45 seconds. A joke about a "cock holster" on, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. I find this to be extremely offensive to the gay community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaHwISTqA7s>

[Ticket: # 1602745 - Attack on the president crossed all lines](#)

Date: 5/2/2017 11:01:31 PM

City/State/Zip: Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

The diatribe yesterday where Colbert called Trump Putin's cock holster just crossed all lines of decency.

Ticket: # 1602753 - Stephen Colbert's derogatory statements

Date: 5/2/2017 11:04:15 PM

City/State/Zip: Campbell, California 95008

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

It is understandable that people become passionate about politics, but for anyone in the public eye to go as far as Stephen Colbert did on his show titled "This Monologue Goes Out To You, Mr. President", is completely unacceptable. There are certain things that clearly go beyond what is protected speech. This wasn't someone forming an idea, or trying to create a discussion. This was someone making a targeted, homophobic attack towards a specific individual. To allow Colbert's comments to go without any consequences, it invites no end to the vileness of what our discourse will devolve to.

Ticket: # 1602871 - Stephen Colbert

Date: 5/3/2017 12:00:10 AM

City/State/Zip: Hialeah, Florida 33018

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

It is extremely offensive for myself and my family to hear the obscene and insensitive comments made by Mr. Colbert when he referred to the President's mouth as a "cock-holster". Coming from a family with members in the LGBT community these comments on network television are offensive and disturbing. What's even more disturbing is that this was a decision that was made by those in charge of this show as it is known that this show is not live. Meaning that they could have edited it out, instead they decided to keep it in with no regard for others. It is appalling, offensive and there should be consequences. It is ok to display discontent and political viewpoints, but not insulting with obscene language on a network tv show.

[Ticket: # 1602930 - racist homophobic slurs on colbert](#)

Date: 5/3/2017 12:50:09 AM

City/State/Zip: Cicero, Illinois 60804

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Colbert recently used homophobic slurs on tv, he also has a racist seating arrangements for his audience, there were almost no people of color in his audience, the few that were, sat all the way in the back!!!

Ticket: # 1602983 - Colbert Report

Date: 5/3/2017 1:43:22 AM

City/State/Zip: St George, Ut, Utah 84770

Company Complaining About: Indecency

Description

Stephen Colbert used homophobic and sexist hate speech about people who perform fellatio on the male member. It's a beautiful act and one I don't appreciate being disparaged.