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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you in an attempt to arouse awareness to a dangerous misuse of the law. I live in Crowley, Texas which is just outside of Fort Worth. Due to the upcoming senatorial race, we are now subjected to several campaign commercials at all hours of the day and night. One of these political ads has caught me by surprise. A man named Stephen Hopkins is currently running one of these commercials campaigning for a senate seat. In my opinion, this man is using a law enacted by Congress strictly as a means to get his pro-life message out with no real intent of obtaining the senate seat. The law that Congress enacted states, per a FCC spokesperson, a television station may not edit in any way, shape, or form, a political campaign commercial. My problem with these ads are the shocking and graphic manner in which they are shown. It is compiled of pictures of bloody aborted fetuses, dismembered fetus appendages, and other unidentifiable bloody scenes. So far this commercial has run at noon, four-thirty in the afternoon, and between the evening news.

For me, this goes past expressing views concerning the abortion issue. This is about thrusting graphic scenes into my home without, as a parent of a five year old, being allowed to decide if this is something that my daughter should see. If this was a programmed show at a set time, I could use my discretion as to whether or not my daughter could watch it. I have always believed that if you do not like something on a programmed show, you have the choice to turn the channel. My problem is that commercials are sprung without a schedule. When I called the local station to at least find out when these commercials were going to be aired, I was told it was against the law to disclose that information to the public. All I have as a defense is continual supervision with a hand resting on the remote control.

I have contacted and registered complaints with the FCC, Congressman Pete Geren, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and Senator Phil Gramm. Now, I am writing you. I hope you will look into this and maybe explore the depths of this issue further.

Sincerely,
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