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Reference: Recent public statement by Pat Robinson to assassinate President Chavez of Venezuela.

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Martin and other members of the FCC:

I am charged to convey to you the shock and dismay of the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee over the statement made by Pat Robertson on Monday 22 August 2005 to the effect that the United States should assassinate the democratically elected President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez.

This statement was made on the Christian Broadcast Network's "The 700 Club", a program and a network in which Robertson holds political and financial interests. His intent to enflame public opinion toward an unambiguously illegal undertaking represents a flagrant abuse of publicly allotted broadcast frequencies that are assigned and regulated by the FCC. Although Pat Robertson as an individual can express opinions freely, he is not free to do so through radio and television broadcasts in which he has major interests and which are required by law to serve the public good, i.e., *ex cathedra*.

I remind you that Ms. Jackson was punished recently by great fine and rebuke for exposing a breast on television. The recent statement by Robertson is far worse and may well represent a criminal matter.

Accordingly, the SDTC respectfully requests that Pat Robertson be subjected to major fine for his remarks on President Chavez and henceforth be barred from owning, controlling and significantly influencing radio and television programs, stations and networks. His recent history of ill advised, dangerous, or preposterous remarks make clear that he has become a threat to public order and lacks sufficient judgment to remain on the air.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Hollocher, Secretary, SDTC.