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Dear Sirs/Ladies:

The undersigned organizations have corporate purposes that include supporting public decency. On a United Airlines flight in 2014, one of the signatories, Thomas North, noticed that your inflight magazine, Hemispheres, on page 129, asked passengers to email suggestions on inflight film and TV programming to the above email address. While this does not concern United's own programming, Mr. North also noticed that page 128 of that magazine stated, "Customers are welcome to view their own video entertainment aboard a United aircraft as long as they are able to show that the programming has an MPAA rating of "R" or less." Due to the importance of the subject matter, we are not only emailing this letter, but also mailing it to your offices. As you will see below in a little more detail, we are writing to proactively request that language be slightly changed in a manner that would provide protection to other passengers, including children.

First, we have discussed among ourselves, and appreciate and support efforts by United Airlines to have a policy on allowable content of video programming viewed by its passengers onboard aircraft, that excludes all "X", "NC-17", and unrated adult programming. However, we have grave concerns about the welcoming and/or allowance of any and all "R" rated programming. Setting aside subjective opinions over which we all may disagree, we start with a few indisputable, objective facts:

1. An "R" rating from the MPAA means that children under 17 are only allowed in the company of their parent or guardian, and therefore, with their express permission.
2. Many "R" movies include full, frontal nudity of both or either sexes, including lengthy close up views of adults' sexual organs, sometimes while involved in sex acts. There are many hundreds, if not thousands, of such "R" rated movies. In fact, due to deliberate "ratings slippage" at the MPAA, a number of "R" movies recently have contained material that in the past was rated "X" or "NC-17" (no one under 17 allowed even with

parent), such as the view of a man's erect penis during masturbation in "Wolf of Wall Street." There are many more "R" movies that, whether showing nudity or not, do include persons engaging in sexual intercourse or other sexual activities.

3. It goes completely without saying that there is NO factual difference or distinction between being exposed to any of the above on a laptop, I Pad, or any mobile device, versus exposure by a live person.
4. United is in a business that invites the general public onto its aircraft, selling tickets for children and also adults who have not in any way expressly or impliedly consented to being exposed to "R" rated material by other passengers, just by flying with you. Further, it is our understanding that United allows children of almost any age to fly unaccompanied, taking on an absolute obligation to provide passenger cabins that are safe and appropriate to ALL ages. To the contrary, however, the aforesaid policy even keeps United flight attendants from preventing "R" programming to be shown by passengers to children of others. The policy turns every United passenger cabin into an "R" rated movie theater, but without the notice given to theater goers, and is therefore, a public safety issue.
5. Laptop computers, I Pads, and mobile devices more often than not have large screens, and the content shown is highly visible to all in close proximity, making it impossible to even walk to or from the lavatories, without seeing every screen within one or two seats from the aisle.
6. All 50 states have indecent exposure laws, and most also have laws prohibiting adults from showing minors material, such as pornography, that is deemed harmful to the latter. Additionally, the U.S. government has various laws upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, that generally include rulings that citizens in public places have a right to be protected from seeing or hearing indecency, for example, FCC v Pacifica Foundation, 438 US 736. Many critical aspects of our civilized society depend on those decency laws, to reduce harms such as sexual impact on children, and also make it possible for all citizens to leave their homes and go about their business without being irreparably, personally violated. The fact that the vast majority of your passengers will be courteous is beside the point; there is a fraction who will either deliberately do otherwise, or accidentally expose others to the content of an "R" rated movie.

The statement on page 128 of your magazine expressly welcomed, and therefore encouraged, passengers to view "R" rated movies, some containing nudity or sexual activities, and thereby display the same to fellow passengers, even children.

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We wish to be constructive and work with United Airlines, "the Friendly Skies", on an improved policy, as opposed to obtaining government regulation or efforts to give actual notice of the risks to all prospective United ticket purchasers. We suggest that this can simply be achieved by adding four words, "and contains no nudity", at the end of the statement in Hemispheres, in United's policy and future issues. That would at least make the policy consistent with United's editing of nudity from its own inflight movies.

Our proposal entails no significant inconvenience to any of your passengers who have to forego viewing "R" rated programming containing nudity for a short time until after they leave your aircraft and the captive audiences in them. All persons are of course then free to view such materials in private in another place, to the extent afforded by law.

Please make the suggested policy changes, and advise us within the next two months, by reply to Thomas North (below). We would welcome further discussion at any point. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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