ROCK OUT CENSORSHIP

PETITION TO OPPOSE PASSAGE OF CONCERT RATINGS LEGISLATION

We, the undersigned, wish to express our opposition to any proposed legislation that would establish any ratings system intended to restrict access to concerts for certain age groups. As citizens who believe that the principal of Freedom of Speech is not to be compromised, we would like to express that the proposal of such legislation is completely unacceptable and tragically continues the process of suppressing the once free spirit of the United States. We feel that lawmakers should stop trying to scapegoat television, video games, music, literature, and the arts for all of society's ills. There has been no credible evidence put forth to prove the link between entertainment and violent behavior, yet we are expected to swallow the idea that passage of laws restricting access to certain forms of entertainment will help wipe out crime. We feel that all legislation of this nature will do is persecute the youth, stripping them of their Constitutional rights to free expression and assembly and make criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens. In these financially difficult times, we absolutely abhor the idea that any of our tax dollars will be utilized in the enforcement of such blatantly UNCONSTITUTIONAL laws, while REAL criminals are set free every day. We find all the arguments put forward by those rallying against various segments of popular culture to be completely invalid and see through the smokescreens to what they are really trying to accomplish--the criminalization of any expression that might be found offensive or threatening to those in power. Lastly, we would like to say to our elected officials to stop using Orwellian "double-think" on the people--taking away our freedoms does not make us safer--only a little more oppressed; and, conversely, our freedoms are not the cause of the conditions that you claim to be attempting to remedy, so stop stepping on our rights under the guise of protecting us.

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