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Dear Producer

Please find enclosed the working paper entitled »Please reduce depictions of violence« elaborated by the German-Austrian internet forum »*Network Against Violence*«.

This paper presents a summary of events and problems that we - like numerous educationalists and psychologists - see as being causally related to film and movie products containing violence. It deals only in part with tragic, isolated cases of people running amuck or being killed; the much greater damage consists in a brutalization of youth and society in general.

May we ask you to take this information, as well as the concerns, seriously and to work - within the scope of your responsibility - towards the reduction of depictions of violence to a lower and reasonable level.

Above and beyond that it would be ideal if producers refrained voluntarily and collectively from extreme depictions of violence, as it is customary in relation to pornography. For us, at any rate this seems to be much more sensible than the enforcement of bureaucratic and legal stipulations which, of necessity, would be a far greater infringement of artistic and economic liberties.

You can contribute substantially to solving the difficult problems with all kinds of violence that our society is confronted with - and you would be sure of universal approval and gratefulness.

Anyway, please tell us what you think about this problem and our intentions. You are welcome both as a critic and as a supporter of our network.

Yours sincerely

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