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# S. 1556

To require commercial television stations to maintain, and provide copies of, commercials and program promotions, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF COMMERCIALS AND PRO-**  
4       **GRAM PROMOTIONS.**

5       The Federal Communications Commission shall pre-  
6       scribe a regulation requiring each commercial television  
7       broadcast station licensee and cable operator—

8               (1) to maintain a copy of any commercial or  
9       program promotion for a period of 30 days following  
10      its broadcast or transmission;

1           (2) to provide to any person, upon timely  
2 request, a video copy of any commercial or program  
3 promotion, subject to the payment of a reasonable  
4 charge for the cost of duplication;

5           (3) to maintain a copy of each complaint, in-  
6 cluding any video which contains the subject of such  
7 complaint it receives, regarding violent commercials  
8 or program promotions for a period of 12 months  
9 following the receipt of such complaint;

10          (4) to compile and maintain a record of each  
11 such complaint referred to in paragraph (3) and the  
12 number of such complaints received during the pre-  
13 ceding 12 months; and

14          (5) to make a copy of the material compiled  
15 pursuant to paragraphs (3) and (4) available, upon  
16 a written request, to the public.

17 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18          The regulation under section 1 shall be published for  
19 comment not later than 60 days after the date of enact-  
20 ment of this Act.

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