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FOX getting earful about Mad TV skit — two unions urge that it be pulled

If the e-mails and phone calls being received by Public Affairs and Communications VP Azeez Jaffer are any indication, FOX-TV is getting an earful. Jaffer says he's received over 4,000 messages of support — and they're still coming in — from active and retired USPS employees. They're saying we're united in opposing FOX-TV's planned Saturday night broadcast of a Mad TV skit that demeans Postal Service employees.

APWU President Bill Burrus has written to both the chairman and the president of FOX, expressing his dismay and outrage, urging FOX to take the promotional ad — and the skit — off the air. In a just-issued news release, NALC President Bill Young has demanded that FOX immediately withdraw this segment from Saturday night's program, saying, "It's totally unwarranted, even as a comedy skit."

Both union heads underline the contributions of USPS employees in serving our nation, during this year's holiday period and during the difficult days in the fall of 2001.

Jaffer thanked employees, "for letting FOX know how you feel. I am truly impressed by the pride you take in your daily work for the people of America. It's too bad FOX and Mad TV don't get it."

"In fact," explained Jaffer, "a FOX spokesman defended Mad TV as 'an equal opportunity offender.'"

"We can take a joke — and there are lot of them out there," said Jaffer, "but this skit, unfairly linking postal workers to guns and violence, is downright insulting."

Many employees have told us that FOX is no longer accepting e-mails at the addresses we provided yesterday. So, here are a few more you might want to consider:

You can e-mail FOX at askfox@foxinc.com. You can e-mail Mad TV by clicking on the phone dial at www.madtv.com/html/mes/messa.html. You also can write Mr. Sandy Grushow, Chairman, FOX Entertainment Group, Building 100 Room 5110, 10201 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064-2606.