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As Governor of the state of Washington, I commend Oliver Tuthill, Jr., President of Autumn Tree Productions, for his outstanding efforts to highlight the problem of child abuse and neglect, to explore its roots and its far-reaching impacts on future generations, and to further public debate on this horrific social concern.

In recognition of his exceptional commitment to the physical, mental and emotional welfare of children, and his immense talents as a filmmaker, I was pleased to present him with the Governor's Award in Media in 2002.

I wish Mr. Tuthill the best of success in engaging his audiences in a deeper discussion of this issue. I am confident that, through his efforts and those of many others in the private and public sector, we will be able to ensure that the childhood of every boy and girl is free from violence, isolation, and threats.

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