

Dear Ms. Hammer,

I am writing this email to express my sincere disappointment and displeasure with the USA network in their handling of my favorite show, Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Vincent D'Onofrio and Kathryn Erbe have worked tirelessly over the last eight seasons to bring us a well-acted, captivating show. Eric Bogosian stepped into the role vacated by Jamey Sheridan and won over a decidedly skeptical audience. All three deserve much more respect than they have received from your network.

It is Vincent's portrayal of Bobby Goren that has captured me and held me all these years. I have watched Bobby evolution from the smart, slightly neurotic, slightly eccentric detective who seemed to have it all together to the smart, slightly neurotic, slightly eccentric detective who definitely did not have it all together. His descent into despair, and the subsequent slow, torturous climb out of that pit has been a joy to watch. I want more of it.

I want USA to give Criminal Intent, it's lead characters, and the actors who made the show a success the respect they are due. Vincent and Kathryn have given their all to the show for eight seasons. Eric has done so for the last three. Pushing them out this way will not only ruin the show, but it will cause the majority of us loyal viewers to stop watching. We have been steadfast through changes which included the splitting of duties, which brought about the addition of a second team of detectives, the writer strike which caused a huge gap in the airing of Season 7, the long, long wait for Season 8, and the terrible travesty that was the episodes being aired out of order. That order mix-up caused Vincent brilliant portrayal of Bobby Goren's recovery to get lost in the shuffle, which is a shame because he did it so beautifully.

And yet, here we are still, holding to our beloved show. But now that Vincent and Kathryn will no longer be there, neither will I. I am sorry to say this, but that is the honest truth. I would ask you respectfully to reconsider this decision. Give us Goren and Eames back for a full Season 9. Even if Season 9 would be the last one of the shown, it would be a much more fitting end to give the show and its characters the proper send off they deserve. Cutting Goren out after the season opener is a shoddy way to handle such a beloved character. I would urge you to rethink this decision.

Thank you very much for your time.

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