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C-Span,
Washington DC
Dear Sirs,

I have given up trying to get in on a talk line, after dozens of failures. I am writing instead because I would like to see a show done, (before election), on that Maquiladora corridor along the border between Mexico and the United States, where American corporations have set up shop and the workers of these companies are living in such squalor and filth- the children are playing in open sewers into which toxic waste is dumped- deformed babies are being born far more than should be for such a small area.

I hope some station will have the guts to take lots of pictures and expose these greedy corporations for just what they are- Dupont, General Motors, Ford, AT&T, Johnson and Johnson, Pepsicola Inc., and heaven only knows how many more. How can honorable persons exploit other human beings in such a manner just to make more of that almighty dollar? They are literally reaping their ill-gotten gains from a huge cesspool that is of their own making, and they don't seem to have a bit of shame for what they are doing.

Why didn't our President negotiate wages, living conditions of the workers, waste disposition, environmental standards, see that there was decent housing for the workers, and that they would have a clean healthful and safe workplace, before he ever said one word about FREE TRADE? My answer to that would be that he would have offended some of his elite friends and largest campaign contributor who helped buy him the presidency.

Congress is just as guilty - they could have stopped the migration to the border if they had plugged some of the loopholes they placed in the tax code that paid companies handsomely in tax refunds when they closed a plant in USA and re-located in Mexico or Puerto Rico, to say nothing of the "marketing money" paid to companies starting in business in a foreign country. These same people complain about welfare- welfare is peanuts compared to the

monstrous amounts of money given to corporations who leave our work force high and dry. Congress had to appropriate that money or the corporations could never have gotten it, so the blame is on both congress and the president. The money was probably appropriated in one of those secretive little sessions where all the rules are suspended and a bill is declared agreed to and layed upon the table, when there is actually not a half dozen representatives in the chamber.

One other thing that has been bothering me is how, (after a law has been passed by both houses of congress and signed by the president), can the vice president overrule that law, and let companies go right on polluting? If I don't mow my grass, the city mows it and charges the mowing bill against the property- why can't the federal government clean up these violators of the clean air and clean water act and charge the cleanup against the company?

I know I am covering a lot of subjects , but why doesn't some one do a good documentary on the HOMELESS? It is appalling that a poor homeless person was compacted in a dumpster right in our nation's capital and it aroused so little attention. Are we becoming so hardened that we have no compassion left?

Sincerely,

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P.S. *Elspan* is my favorite TV show.
You have a group of wonderful
moderators. I love all of them.

Thanks again,

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