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C-SPAN Cutoff support
to viewer in Ooltewah

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Ref. Letter by MRS J.R. McKenney Sunday Oct 7, 1990

I support the views of Mrs McKenney and feel the cable company has performed in an unconscionable manner giving way to greed for advertising funds in lieu of the needs of the public to be informed of government actions. I work Monday thru Friday 7:30 to 5:15. at night I try to keep abreast of Congressional activity by watching C-SPAN & CNN. through C-SPAN one can watch his and other representatives support or defend issues but most important how the process works and yes we can see how ridiculous some of these actions and arguments are.

Let's face it this world is in a mess and the people we watch on C-SPAN are the ones who got us there and are the ones who have the task of getting us out. they should be under a camera (maybe a microscope) so the public can see if they are competent for the task. C-SPAN gives the public this service. The T.V. news and newspapers give a short synopsis many times based on bias & sensationalism. I had rather watch the action first hand.

It appears to me if our citizens (including school age citizens) want to understand how our political process works c-span offers this opportunity. I cannot understand how a cable company can impede on a free service that is there to educate in favor of two and three day old sports events with wall to wall commercials.

There was apparently some type of surfeit in the cable bill, package viewers receive every month. There are so much non-essential junk stuffed in this envelopes that receivers ignore the bulk. After all the only need is the bill so it can be paid. This was an ideal way to slip in a so-called survey to work to the cable company advantage. It is amazing how viewers are given the opportunity to view 24 hour advertisement stations (TV shopping) but denied 24 hour coverage such as c-span. Congress has been reviewing the cable procedures, maybe this is a good reason for such reviews. What are cable fees for if advertisements are also necessary.

I appeal to the cable company to reinstate 24 hr 7 day a week c-span. I appeal to Congress to continue support for c-span and keep an eye on these cable bandits, and I appeal to fellow citizens to stand up and be counted.

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