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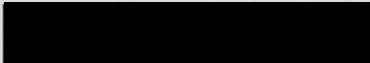
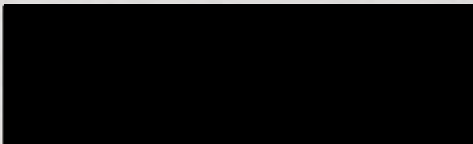
Dear Sirs:

Why do I watch C-Span? What better way to watch my country's government, the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, in short, history in the making. As I watch the House in session I wonder what it must have been like to hear the great speakers such as Patrick Henry and Daniel Webster, or George Washington, when he accepted the role of President of the United States, or President Lincoln, or Franklin Roosevelt, or John F. Kennedy. Today, we still have great speakers and many of them will also leave their mark in the halls of Congress.

Yes, I watch C-Span and the cost is well worth it in time and money. As a teacher, I learn more about the workings of our government than some of the things we read in the paper and in books. Because of C-Span, I can converse better with people on the many issues that face our nation. For many Americans, this is something that also helps them to better understand the issues and the people they vote for. I think C-Span has and will continue to serve the nation well and with honor. It also gives Americans all across the nation the chance to call in and voice their thoughts on the many subjects brought before them.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if C-Span could go back in time and re-broadcast the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the cold bitter winter at Valley Forge, the ride of Paul Revere, the battle at Gettysburg, the charge at Bull Run, Lincoln's famous address, Teddy Roosevelt charging up the San Juan hill with the rough riders, President Franklin Roosevelt declaring war and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. All of these moments in history could have been telecast on C-Span, had it been there at the time.

Yes, I watch C-Span because it is history in the making and I think all students in schools all across America should be required to watch the Congress at work and in session. For just as our Congress is America, so also is C-Span. This then is why I watch it and always will.



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