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Mr. Brian Lamb, President  
C-SPAN Networks  
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Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am a thirty-six year old single white male from Pittsburgh, a tax agent/auditor for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I have been a political/news "junkie" for as long as I can remember.

I consider myself an aware, involved member of the community, and am a prolific writer of letters to the editor, which are usually published in the local media to which I send them.

When cable first became available to me in 1981, I was thrilled to be able to watch C-SPAN. The only thing better than C-SPAN is now having C-SPAN II as well.

I consider you right at or near the top of my list of the most important cable stations, and watch both of your networks a great deal of time.

I was particularly prompted to write today after sitting "glued" to my television set last night for the outstanding program with Jeane Kirkpatrick, Pierre Salinger, and former Senator Howard Baker: what a delight! The program was perfect, with you enabling these fascinating public figures to do everything from tell amusing stories about their fascinating lives, to getting involved in controversy (the heated discussion with Mr. Sallinger about his Iran-Contra book and contentions (which I happen to believe)).

It is a great tribute to you and to C-SPAN that you were able to spend ninety fascinating minutes with these individuals, all of whom I admire greatly. I hope there will be more such shows, if not with these folks, then with others of their stature and prominence.

You are the perfect facilitator, Mr. Lamb, with a personality to moderate such programs. You are pleasant and receptive, you ask the right questions, but you do not get involved in controversy personally, and the viewer has absolutely no idea what your personal feelings are; for most C-SPAN programming, this stance is necessary and appropriate.

Washington fascinates me; I have always said that if I lived anywhere other than Pittsburgh, it would be D. C., a city I try to visit at least twice per year. Nothing interests me more than a visit to Congress when in session, or a few minutes viewing the Supreme Court.



Simply being in Washington, though, I feel that I can "smell" the excitement of the political environment around me: I love it!

My favorite C-SPAN offerings are the behind-the-scenes looks at public figures and their lives, the informal reminiscences that they offer, as in last night's program, the dinner roasts of various people, and the live coverage of the House and Senate.

C-SPAN makes me realize the importance of cable television, and how indispensable it is to me, and to all of America.

Continue doing just what you are doing. You and C-SPAN are wonderful. I shall keep watching devotedly, and will spread the word to others.

Cordially,

