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Dear C-SPAN Executives:

Thank you for the public service you provide for America. Needless to say, your coverage of the Congress and various governmental and political happenings has changed the course of our Country's history. As a frequent viewer, I greatly appreciate your "complete" impartiality in all phases of your program coverage. Critics who state otherwise are the "partial ones" - not C-SPAN. Do not change a thing unless it improves this unbiased coverage!

I would like to offer several suggestions and/or concerns for your consideration.

- During the Congress' recesses, I would be interested in a program about the employees who work for the House and the Senate.... such as the pages, the readers, the parliamentarians, the pastors, the recorders, the secretaries who take bells on the floor. Are there any volunteers? Who do they report to? etc.. How did they get their jobs/positions? Are they B"let-go" when different Party comes?

• In the future, if this 104th Congress' legislation is successful, the States' governmental functions will become extremely important to each American's life — all the bloc-grant allocations. Therefore, a C-SPAN type coverage of our States' legislative bodies may become more pertinent than our federal workings. Do the C-SPAN sponsors have any plans for this?

• I like the free-moving cameras in the House. It made me feel like I was in the gallery. The fixed-one has a dictatorial feeling to me.

• Regarding the Speaker's pre-sessions with the Press. I feel you should cover them when possible and I appreciate the opportunity you afford to Minority Leader Gephardt, too. It exemplifies your total commitment to both informing your viewers and your unbiased coverage.

• About Radio Talk Show Hosts' Coverage. Here in the Detroit Area on WXYT-AM (Rush Limbaugh's on from 12 to 3), from 9 to 12, there is a very unusual host called Mark Scott. Unusual, in my

opinion, because he is, as far as I can determine, neither a Democrat nor a Republican. He says some radical things ~~on~~ the air, "almost" treasonist (I think). If you covered him on C-SPAN, it would indicate another diverse set of opinions the air-waves are exposed to at this time. Six hours of Scott and Limbaugh in my area makes for an interesting saturation of conservatism. Perhaps other C-SPAN regulars would be interested in hearing ~~what~~ and seeing a Mark Scott type.

I apologize for the length of my letter. I am a better talker than writer. I have, too, tried to phone in with my opinions - unsuccessfully. Therefore, my letter. I am old-fashioned (and poor) because I do not have access to a fax machine - the other way to get my views to your attention. Perhaps - occasionally - you'll read some of these old-fashioned hand-writer postal-service correspondence?

Again, I love C-SPAN!