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C-SPAN
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Dear C-SPAN,

Say it isn't so! One day this past week I watched the program of Congressman Penny meeting with his constituents in Rochester, Minn.

That evening, my husband, who hadn't viewed the program earlier, and I, watched the repeat presentation.

Much to my dismay some editing had been done. Some exchanges between Mr. Penny and his constituents were deleted. (Comments about Senator Dole, and chairmanships of congressional committees.)

The editing was obvious as Mr. Penny moved from one location in the room to another "by magic". I suspect that Mr. Penny asked for the deletions, and perhaps at the time, he had not been aware that his casual remarks were being recorded.

Whatever the reason, it is very disappointing, and damages the credibility of this type of programming on C-SPAN. I am not particularly interested or concerned about the remarks which were made, only that they were deleted.

I was under the impression that if C-SPAN covers an event that it will be shown as covered. Have programs been edited for replay all along, and I didn't notice? I don't often view a program more than once.

I am aware that programs are not always shown in their entirety because of time constraints, but I was not aware that editing occurred.

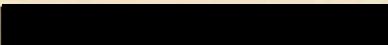

Is editing done on tapes which viewers purchase? For instance, was Brian Lamb's recent interview with Perot edited before being shown for a second and third time, and who does the editing? Was it edited before being mailed to purchasers?

If this is your policy, please tell us viewers. We deserve to know this.

Because of the distortions and inaccuracies rampant in the coverage of news in the media, my husband and I have come to rely on C-SPAN as a major source of information. Some of us viewers are searching for truth and accuracy in this environment.

Who, or what, will we turn to if C-SPAN let us down?

Sincerely,


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