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Dear C-SPAN

I realize that by now you have been buried with letters protesting that local cable companies are bumping C-SPAN off the cable because of "must carry". ViaCom in Marin County, where I live, has the gall to bump C-SPAN and keep the scrolling TV guide (which also carries ads for their other services).

I have written to Rep. Markey making the points that

1) C-SPAN should be considered a Community Access channel for our national government and deserves more clout than another local TV station showing "Cheers" reruns. C-SPAN II is equally important, especially during these times.

2) It is ironic that first the Congress encourages the FCC to help little narrow interest stations get air space on the UHF band THEN passes "must carry" laws that bump the only source of uncut public affairs programming in the U.S. And isn't it interesting that cable companies are willing to cut the SPANs because they produce no revenue while they continue to fund the SPANs.

I have heard most of the discussions concerning this issue, but I have not heard the above points brought out strongly. I offer them to you in the hopes you have a better way than I do to get the word to where it needs to go. Especially number one.

I have sent letters to ViaCom, both locally and at the corporate level, and to my Congresspersons but have not received any reply at all. I guess the nation is so big now that a response is a lot to expect. I don't wish a response from you, just do everything you can to prevent C-SPAN from being bumped.

Thank you and good luck!

Sincerely
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cc: Peter Kiley