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C-SPAN
Program Director
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Re: American Atheists Convention
April 13, 14, 15, 1990, St. Petersburg, FL

Dear Program Director:

As a viewer of C-SPAN I would like to urge you to cover one of the most rational and thought-provoking conventions of the year. The future belongs to atheism, and C-SPAN should be there covering it.

As evidenced daily, the media appears to want to report continuously every time one of the old charlatans or soothsayers opens his mouth to expound on superstition. We see reports of hoards of pilgrims flocking to see a face in a screen door. We see rescue workers saving the lives of people in a plane crash where half died, and the media quoting an onlooker stating that god saved the survivors, and giving no credit at all to the rescuers, while obviously making no mention of the reason the dead were not saved. These ideas imply the abdication of human reason and justice. And generally, the media follows along with this irrationality.

But it is truly rare to see news reports relating to people doing things on the rational front. I believe in the work of man, and the here and now. American Atheists addresses the problems created by organized religion. It is dedicated to the separation of state and church. Coverage of such a positive force with such an enormous potential for freeing mankind from the mental enslavement of superstition is a truly worthy endeavor for the media.

I strongly urge you to support liberty and humanity by covering the American Atheist convention in April.

Respectfully,



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