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Dear Mr. Lamb:

This morning, September 17, 1993 on the program Journalists Round Table one of your guests was Susan Bannett of Knight-Ridder and at about 9:25 a.m. a caller mentioned that in the NAFTA agreement skilled people such as doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc would be allowed to come to this country and take jobs from we Americans at a lower wage and Susan Bennett stated that this was not covered in NAFTA.

This alone says it all when your journalist guests speak on a subject that they are not familiar with and make false statements which in the ears of those equally uninformed, as the journalist, believe what they hear, not from the caller but from the journalist.

On C-Span one evening last week I also saw the woman representative who spoke during Special Orders about this same thing. She also specifically read the list of skilled people who would be allowed to enter and take these jobs and at a lower wage than the Americans now holding the jobs in these professions. She also stated that they would be allowed to bring their families with them with no limitation on the length of time they could remain here in these positions.

This proposes to me illegal immigrants not only being sanctioned to work here but to school their children here, and medicate in our system at the expense of the American taxpayer. So the caller was correct and the journalist incorrect, but that would not cost the American public anything, however, the jobs, education, and medical care would be another burden which NAFTA presents in its hidden agenda.

Why can't we listen to people who have the experience of having lived through these treaties? And why can't we listen to people who know what they are talking about instead of being so American self-righteous and by these two questions I refer to the man who called from Finland warning us about their experience with this

same type of a treaty which has ruined their job security and their economy.

Also, when we had the flood situation a man from Holland called offering us their expertise on building dams which hold out the sea and one man on your panel at that time said "I guess we could look into this". Can you imagine such arrogance on the part of the panelist saying "I guess" as compared with the Dutchman whose very life depends on these dams? What nerve!

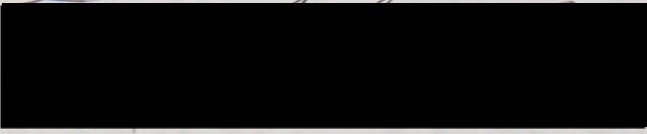
Also, on the Sept. 17th program one caller mentioned the chairman of the National Banking Committee, Sen. Gonzales, of Texas, stating his concerns with NAFTA during the hearing on C-Span. His opening statement moved me very much because I would never ^{have} known about these problems. Another member of his committee a woman from New York with a Latin name also made a very moving statement about her concerns after a group of woman representatives made a trip down to Mexico and found almost slave-like working conditions there being practised by American companies.

I cannot get through to you by telephone but I sure can write my concerns in a letter. I know you are not to be blamed for the opinions of your guests, and opinions are all they are because any number of us can prove them wrong even if we come from the lowly "middle of the country."

I mentioned listening to Europeans who I think have valid advice. but I am not recently descended from Europeans nor do I have anyone over there that I know. My people came here in the 1740's and very early 1800's so I cannot relate to the Old Country except in travel and being interested in their life style as a tourist. I think they have many good ideas in many areas which we could use here in America and dams along the Mississippi might be one.

By my writing this letter it is a compliment to you and C-Span as it proves the wonderful job you and your colleagues are doing and how well we "out here" listen. Keep up the good work, but warn your guests that you ^{may} ~~will~~ hear about it if they don't know what they are talking about.

Sincerely yours,



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