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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

You have spoken frequently about the early difficult days of C-SPAN's development and your own efforts to bring the idea of C-SPAN to fruition. You have also spoken on numerous occasions about the fairness of C-SPAN and how C-SPAN attempts to present a balanced picture representing a broad spectrum of views concerning the issues facing today's America. While C-SPAN merits congratulations for striving to present a balanced picture of America there remains one segment of America seldom represented or never represented on your network, I am speaking of the Atheist citizens of America.

During the last several years C-SPAN has broadcast segments with Jerry Falwell, the Moral Majority, the Eagle Forum, Randall Terry and Operation Rescue, numerous other anti-abortion crusaders, and groups advocating blatant censorship including an anti-pornography news conference which C-SPAN broadcast and rebroadcast to the point that I lost count as to the number of times it was shown.

C-SPAN has a golden opportunity this April to demonstrate a degree of balance, a degree of fairness, by providing full coverage of the American Atheists Annual National Convention scheduled for April 13, 14 and 15, 1990 at the St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel in St. Petersburg, Florida. Members of American Atheists are spread far and wide across this country, from Seattle, Washington to Tampa, Florida, from New York City to San Diego, California; many thousands of American Atheists, including myself, cannot attend our Convention this year and would be pleased viewers indeed to see coverage on C-SPAN. Members of American Atheists are among the most well educated, politically interested and voter active persons in America, you would do well to recognize and honor this segment of your viewership.

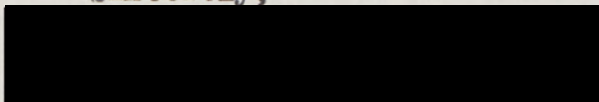
I call upon you, Mr. Lamb, to intercede with the programing decision makers at C-SPAN to arrange coverage of the American Atheists Convention, live, in its entirety, and than rebroadcast the sessions again each evening. Arrangements for coverage should be made by contacting Jon Murray, American Atheists president, at (512)458-1244, P.O. Box 140195, Austin, Texas.

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Again, I personally request, as a member of American Atheists and as a long time viewer of C-Span, that the American Atheists Convention be extensively covered by C-SPAN.

Thank you , Mr. Lamb, for any help you can give to bring this coverage about.

Sincerely,

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Member, American Atheists