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I'll let this letter be my entry in your Washington contest.

Sincerely,
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Then during the Iowa caucuses, I became thoroughly intrigued by the debates and talk shows that featured live phone-in calls about the Iowa political scene from all over the United States, and began to appreciate this new option.

As the presidential race continues, I find C-SPAN gives a fuller view than a 30-second airport interview or a hasty picture of a candidate serving up coffee to a senior citizen audience while the network announcer gives us his version of what the candidate is saying.

This channel also airs congressional activities, and recently I found the Ed Meese hearings particularly interesting. The office of Attorney General is the highest non-elected office in the land, and when a friend of the President is involved, then I find it especially important to find out where he stands and what he has done in the past. Only by watching and listening to our leaders do we get some good insights into their character and potential actions.

Regarding the loss of KIMT, we can do without repetition of shows like Dukes of Hazzard, especially in view of the tremendous problems that are facing our nation this year—problems we owe it to ourselves to be informed about. We particularly need to make informed decisions about the candidates and if C-SPAN can help give us this opportunity, I say, let's give it a fair try.

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