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Kenner, Louisiana 70065  
February 13, 2001

Mr. Brian Lamb, President  
C Span  
400 Capital Street, N. W.  
Suite 650  
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am semi retired and a regular viewer of C Span and C Span 2. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to [REDACTED], General Manager of our local cable company, Cox Communications. About a year ago Cox began terminating the C Span 2 coverage at 7:00 P. M., and replaced it with the Odyssey channel. C Span 2 programming begins again at 7:00 A. M. As I explain in my letter, Cox's action was very detrimental to those of us interested in government and books. I have heard you speak of Mr. James Robbins, Chairman of Cox Communications and I wonder if you could contact Mr. Robbins and see if he will help us get C Span 2 for 24 hours? There are over 200 potential channels in our local digital cable system, and I see no reason why we should not be able to have both C Span channels for 24 hours.

I have no political party affiliation and try to be objective when I watch your programming. If I did not see and hear some of the people from both sides of the political spectrum on C Span I would not believe our country has people with such extreme points of view. The response to the nomination of [REDACTED] was particularly enlightening.

I think you and your staff do an excellent job. I particularly commend you for the job you do on Booknotes. I purchased Booknotes, Life Stories and think it is an excellent reference book.

Please try to help us get C Span 2 for 24 hours. I sent copies of my letter to Mr. [REDACTED] to Senators Breaux and Landrieu.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Kenner, Louisiana 70065  
February 7, 2001

[REDACTED] General Manager  
Cox Communications  
[REDACTED]  
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

RE: CSPAN 2

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I was extremely disappointed that you decided to drop C Span 2 from your schedule after 7:00 P.M. each day, and to replace it with the Odyssey channel. I watch both of the C Span channels often, and believe them to offer the most informative and most important programming available. Most of the important Senate and House committee hearings cannot be broadcast during the day because the Senate and House are in session, and the committee hearings are broadcast at night. Also, many of the alternate broadcasts of interesting events are broadcast on C Span 2 at night. On weekends, C Span 2 broadcasts Book TV and the best programs are always at night.

I have watched Odyssey enough to see that there is very little original programming on that channel. It seems to be a combination of protestant religious programs with lots of singing, and reruns of dramas previously seen on other stations. I contend that Cox Communications already carries enough of these type channels and C Span 2 should be broadcast 24 hours a day. What makes me particularly unhappy about your scheduling is the fact that you could carry Odyssey on any of the additional channels now available with digital cable, and you have chosen not to do so. Certainly you could replace TechTV, Oxygen, BBC America, Fox Sports World and the International Channel with Odyssey and few would even notice it.

I request that you please give us C Span 2 for 24 hours. Consider those of us who are interested in government, not just those who want to watch reruns of comedies, game shows and dramas. Two informative channels is not much to ask from a company who has over 200 potential channels.

Sincerely,

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CC: Honorable John Breaux

CC: Honorable Mary Landrieu

CC: Brian Lamb, President, C Span ✓