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Dear C-Span Staff:

Enclosed is a summary of Why I Watch C-Span.
Much could be added, as new benefits from your
programming arise repeatedly.

When we were transferred from Florida to Washington
State - the other Washington - in November of 1980, C-Span
became my first friend and a link to reality. During
the 4-week stay in a motel with a puppy and the search
for a house to buy and over the weeks it took to unpack
household goods again, this time minus family, your
programming helped to balance out another change.

Having lived in the mid-sixties into 1972 in the
D.C. area, your program was like a return home and
continues to nurture my nostalgia for the area.

Thank you all for the best program on the airways.

Sincerely yours,
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Enclosure

I watch C-Span, because it has been the broadest and most accessible history and civics classroom of my experience. C-Span has become a window to the world.

Because C-Span is not self-serving; is uninterrupted by innocuous commercials; has succeeded in remaining unbiased and is not caterring to the mediocre, it offers me the opportunity to explore new and diverse ideas, which challenge the human spirit.

The C-Span forum for high school students encourages and inspires me as I hear students question leadership. Their destiny and mine touch a common thread and C-Span helps to direct their focus on how to work within the system.

Because C-Span assists me to keep abreast of debates in Congress; projects speeches into my living room by people of various nationalities before diverse organizations; and opens interviews of public figures to me by way of my personal telephone, if I choose; I can meet the challenge of current events with keener understanding.

Through C-Span, I sense the pulse of government. I witness those who work for it; those who strive to improve it and those who challenge it. C-Span is my greatest home resource for continuing education, has diminished boundaries and linked me to other viewers by chains of ideas, concerns, problems and possible solutions. The mix encourages and challenges my thinking.

I approach each election hopefully and because I regularly view C-Span, my insight develops, enlarges and prompts me to wiser decisions on issues and candidates behind the privacy curtain this great democracy provides at the election polls.

As I continue to view C-Span, it causes my interest in public affairs to quicken. The spirit of compromise on issues between elected officials and the thoroughfare of their debate by which compromise is reached toss out viable seeds of thought which find nurture in my own mind and my citizen response becomes more reasoned and less emotional. C-Span prompts me to listen to those with whom I disagree and prompts me to follow more closely the candidates as they campaign for office.

For all of the above, I watch C-Span. Its quality program menu has returned to me the enthusiasm of my youth for ideas and beliefs. C-Span communicates to me that all problems have a solution, many labor to reach that goal. C-Span needles me, prods me, inspires me. What a breath of fresh air!