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To Whom It Concerns:

Thank you for your decision to show Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader within the Nation Of Islam, on C-SPAN tonight, in his speech regarding the District Of Columbia's Financial Condition. You have previously shown other speeches by him, each time I have thought I would write to commend you but did not. I do not want to allow this occasion to slip by again without a letter from me.

I am a "white" male of European descent and am not a member of the Nation Of Islam. Nevertheless, it seems to me that the media have consistently portrayed Minister Louis Farrakhan as an evil, unpredictable, un-American, disloyal, bigoted, foolish villain. Thank you for risking to present his speech so that viewers could judge him for themselves, without having to accept the image of him which the mass media has presented.

Minister Farrakhan challenges us, Euro-Americans and African-Americans, to re-examine our assumptions and media-given impressions. Your program provides viewers with the opportunity to hear his speech

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in full, without being forced to take selected comments out of the context of his speech, as presented by the mass media.

Keep up the good work of presenting a broad spectrum of speeches, so that viewers can make their own assessments of these current leaders and what they are saying to Americans.

Sincerely,

