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Dear Brian,

I feel as though I've been betrayed by a trusted friend! C-SPAN's decision not to air the Senate Banking Committee hearing on April 22, has deprived millions of important first-hand information concerning the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The media seems bent on lauding the merits of NAFTA, as do the politicians. Those endorsements only serve to raise suspicion in the minds of Americans. Dozens of your faithful viewers, whom I have spoken to directly, share my belief that we can rely on C-SPAN to provide balanced and impartial coverage of national issues. We consider your programming a valued service in helping us to develop informed opinions.

I called C-SPAN on the morning of April 22, to register my disappointment. I was told that there were only two camera crews - and many sessions to cover. Therefore, Ways and Means, and the Senate committees were chosen as more important than the NAFTA hearings. The topic you omitted is so newsworthy, I should think it would receive top priority - but I was wrong. Did you notice the number of empty seats at the two sessions you opted to air?

In these times of public mistrust toward government, the press, and network television, people depend upon C-SPAN as the "friend" whose dedication can't be bought. It's disturbing to suspect that NAFTA proponents offered the right price.

Will you lose me as a viewer? No, not at all - you're still far superior than those who TELL me what I should think. However, I implore you to consider the ideals that earned you high esteem, and keep those in mind when you aim to serve the public.

Sincerely yours,
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