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RE: C-Span News Contest

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is being written in response to an announcement regarding a contest which is being sponsored by C-Span whereby participants relay "why they like C-Span".

I am a resident of the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. Most specifically, Kenai, Alaska. For the ten years that my family and I have lived here, our television news and news related programming has gone from very poor to fair. Finally, in the last few months cable television has arrived, and C-Span is of great interest to me.

I enjoy watching the continuous news, especially when items of great importance are going on. But, in addition, special programming of political events, court room trials National Press Club Speeches, talk shows, Sandy Freeman, Crossfire, Moneyline, Congressional hearings, and many others makes it possible for me to know what is going on in the world outside Alaska.

Being active in the political arena makes the information supplied by C-Span of particular importance to my everyday life. The news makes it possible for me to prevent "tunnel vision" when making decisions which affect my

political activities. C-Span makes it possible for me to keep abreast of all the important events that are happening in the United States, as well as internationally.

To digress a bit, ten years ago (when I moved to Alaska), I watched yesterday's news today. It was flown up on tape for release on the morning News (but was often delayed due to weather or other reasons). Later improvement came when today's news was aired on the 11:00 P.M. News, same day (again, weather permitting). Imagine how wonderful it is to know what is happening in Congress, Granada, or anyplace at the same time as the rest of the U.S., even if the weather is poor and the planes cannot deliver the film. C-Span is doing a great job.

Additionally, there is the advantage of getting some indepth coverage and interviewing of "fast breaking stories" as they come down--I truely appreciate that ability, and again give my thanks to the C-Span network and staff.

I had the opportunity to participate in a National Convention in New York in August 1983 and watch C-Span at work. Would you believe that C-Span was the only network that provided "in-depth" coverage for Alaskan viewers? I thank you, and hope that the good work continues and grows.

Due to the efforts of C-Span and cable television Alaskans are able to as informed as they wish to be on national and world events. For those of us wish the information, we finally have it available.

