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To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to your question posed to viewers; "What do you think of C-Span?"

I love it.

I watch C-Span every chance I get. I find the Sub-Committee Hearings especially interesting, as well as floor debates in Congress.

As I find myself located on the West Coast, I could easily feel out of touch with the crucial happenings 3,000 miles away in our Capital. C-Span makes me feel like I am right there and am not in the dark.

On C-Span I hear all sides in lively debate between intelligent people, not re-hashed, summarized spots of "news" packed into a 25-minute news cast (with sports and weather) and reported long after the fact. C-Span doesn't insult my intelligence - it lets me think for myself with thorough understanding.

It also helps me to know my elected officials - their stands, their performance, their effectiveness, etc. As a responsible, voting citizen, this is an invaluable service, and I encourage all citizens to tune<sup>in</sup>, if for this reason only.

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Even if C-Span were not broadcast, I believe it is a very valuable archival tool, recording history for future generations to refer to and learn from. I hope the tapes are carefully preserved and catalogued and made easily available to the public. I would appreciate any information on the access the public is offered to tapes.

But because C-Span is broadcast (well, cablecast) into all cable subscribers' homes at no cost, the American public has an opportunity to "eye-ball" their politicians. This keeps politicians on their toes, knowing that their constituents are watching - like Big Brother in reverse.

The only criticism I would make concerns the time spent on attorney-hosted talk shows and call-in shows. Chatting analysts, journalists, professors, and other observers of current issues can be heard on many other shows on cable and radio. C-Span's uniqueness and forte is its Congressional coverage. There must be enough footage - between the House and Senate and Subcommittee hearings - to fill the channel 24-hours-a-day. Please stick to what you do best as we cannot get it elsewhere.

Thank you for your great service!  
Sincerely,

P.S. I also appreciate the frequent ID character generation that informs us of who and what we are watching, no matter when we tune in.