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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I want to thank you very much for the courage and professionalism you and your colleagues at C-Span showed in your extended visit and interview with Mr. Ross Perot at his Dallas office last week. Courage, because the format was live, basically unrehearsed and developed at its own pace and in its own way. Professionalism, because of your own special manner of not intruding on your guest's opportunity to express himself; and yet through your occasional comments, and questions, you bring out areas and ideas which further amplify the audience's understanding of the person being interviewed.

My husband and I are Perot supporters. Like so many others who support the issues and solutions he espouses, we are continually troubled about the types of negative characterizations of Mr. Perot which mount whenever he seems to threaten the political status quo and the "inside the beltway" mentality, including that of some members of the press.

On that point you quietly opened the subject of how Mr. Perot felt about the way he was treated on "Meet the Press" recently by Messers. Russert, Broder et al. We fully agree with Mr. Perot that he was treated most rudely and with the opposite of the respect you showed for him as a person on your show. The conduct of these usually respected journalists was in our opinion most unprofessional, an opinion we have communicated to them directly. We hope and believe others, including their colleagues in the press have also done so.

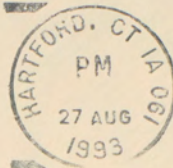
Especially impressive, we felt, was the time you allowed for us to get a sense of the man on his home ground and then for callers to enter into the conversation. The "icing on the cake" came when you and your staff made the admirable decision to extend the two hour program by another thirty minutes! This is as far from the current "sound-bite" mentality as one could imagine.

You are truly breaking new ground in journalism. Whether you are featuring a person like Mr. Perot, with whom we agree, or a person with whom we disagree, we are "C-Span junkies" and our horizons are always broadened. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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