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Dear Brian:

My husband and I are C-SPAN "junkies". You and your staff do a fantastic job, and we commend you for it. We have learned so much about how our government runs, just by watching it.

I've noticed, that during election years, C-SPAN goes on location to different parts of the country, to see how the pulse of America is beating, and how and why people will vote the way they do. (I think you all call this series "Road to the White House".)

Anyway, I have a suggestion for a potential location for one of these C-SPAN programs - The Permian Basin of S.E. New Mexico and West Texas - specifically Hobbs, New Mexico and Midland-Odessa, Texas. C-SPAN could really get some lively opinions from the folks out here. The citizens are unpretentious, hard-working people, who "shoot from the hip" in their views about politics, world affairs, economics, etc.

This area of the country is in the heart of the domestic energy industry, not only in crude oil, but there are also very high concentrations of natural gas located in this region. I really don't think that people in other parts of this country truly understand or comprehend its strategic importance. C-SPAN could help to educate and inform them.

Recent years have not been very kind to this region. Depression?? Recession?? This area has been in these continuously since the Fall of 1982. People out here have suffered as much, if not more, than citizens in the Northeastern U.S. People here have directly witnessed the virtual destruction of the energy industry. Many world-wide oilwell servicing companies have gone "belly up", or have been drastically reduced in size.

Specifically, let me tell you about what has been going on in Hobbs, New Mexico. In recent years, we've seen major oil companies shut down division offices here, and have just left skeleton production offices. (Majors such as Amoco, Arco, Chevron, and Conoco.) We've also seen a mass exodus of people moving from here, due to transfers and layoffs. Retail concerns

have pulled out of here, or cancelled plans to re-locate here, due to the local economic situation. People are sick and tired of suffering.

We feel like we've been ignored by the rest of the nation. Our federal government has paid us lip service. Ditto for the last 2 Presidents, one of whom is a former Midland resident and former oilman. We are tired, tired, tired of constantly living under the gun. Believe me, it's no fun.

People out here are frustrated, alienated, and disfranchised. They're fed up and ready for a change. Ross Perot is very popular in this area.

So, these are the reasons why Hobbs and the Permian Basin would be great subject matter for a C-SPAN remote. If C-SPAN does come out here, don't just talk to the local politicians and other "suits" around here - they are absolutely unrealistic and are living in their own LALA Land. Talk to the working people here - they are the real people, and the ones who know what's going on.

We would welcome C-SPAN to the most ignored region in the USA. Your trip would be worth it!

Regards,

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