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Dear Sirs:

For the past year, since moving to a place with cable TV, I've spent many, many hours watching C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2. It has helped me learn a lot.

I especially like the interviews with journalists done by Brian Lamb, and also by some exceptionally attractive women whose names I haven't written down. All are highly skilled and seem, unlike many others, to TRY to be objective.

Many of the programs at the National Press Club have been quite interesting. I've been especially gratified to watch a number of interviews with Black Conservative people. All of these fine Americans have shown themselves to be exceptionally intelligent, public-spirited, and to be objective thinkers. They remind me of some friends I had when I used to live in Seattle. We need People like Armstrong Williams to advise leaders, and to be leaders in our government.

I hope you will have these and other knowledgeable citizens lead discussions on needed changes in government. I think Mr. Gingrich and others are correct when they say we need to reduce the size of the Federal Government and return welfare, education, and many other functions back to the states, counties and municipalities. I'd certainly like to hear the thoughts of Doctor Walter Williams of George Mason University on this, as well as other thoughtful people.

Sixty years ago this nation was in a disaster. The citizens and local governments were powerless. The Federal Government had to take charge to rescue them. Then came WWII, and more centralization was needed. Thereafter was the "Cold War". That, and a combination of inertia, greed for power, and a mood of laziness and apathy brought us to our present condition. The National Debt is incomprehensible, our society seems rotten to the core, and we teeter on the rim of an abyss, it seems. The process which brought this nation to this state must be reversed, I think, or we will go the way of Russia. Some say we need MORE Federal Government, others say we must turn the functions of government back to the states and local units, closest to the people they serve.

C-SPAN could do a service to everyone by scheduling two or three programs per week for the next four to six months on this subject. I'm sure there are many politicians, academicians, and others who would pound on your doors, asking to participate in such discussions. They could go over the restructuring of various departments, how the states could handle the functions, the

ways funding could be handled, how some departments could be combined with others, reduction of federal land holdings and transfer to the states, the effects of eliminating unfunded federal mandates on the costs and delivery of services by the states and local governments, how eliminating federal micro-management can help solve local problems and improve the quality of education, etc. The list could be miles long.

Thank you for the service you are rendering to the nation.

Sincerely, .

