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July 14, 1993

Mr. BRIAN LAMB,
C-SPAN
400 N. Capitol Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lamb:

As charter subscribers to our local BAY-CABLEVISION service I take this opportunity to again express my appreciation for your excellent C-SPAN 1, and 2 over the years. It has meant a great deal to me both professionally, and personally. Therefore, it was with great sadness that I had to report to your office that both C-SPAN services were summarily cut off, virtually eliminated by [REDACTED] of your local BAY-CABLEVISION affiliate, effective July 8, 1993; only to be replaced by what amounts to be junk.

Please find enclosed copies of several of my letters to [REDACTED] -all of them have been ignored. I also direct your attention to my letter, also enclosed, to a Mrs. Mary Wainwright, our City of Berkeley Councilwoman bringing this matter to her attention, and further informing her that I cannot support BAY-CABLEVISION in their ongoing dispute with the City over licensing fees, etc. Because of [REDACTED] arbitrary decision to almost eliminate C-SPAN, they are no longer deserving of my previous loyal support.

I simply cannot understand [REDACTED] action in that Berkeley, California if not the most intellectual community in the nation, it is surely the most politically active.

Whatever, you will note that we had ordered two (2) additional cable outlets scheduled to be installed today, on July 14. We have cancelled that order in protest, and am presently attempting to arrange for the installation of a satellite dish. If successful, we will cancel our present service. In the meantime, will you please furnish me with the address of your Cable Association; I have enclosed an addressed postal card. Again, Thank You and I remain,

Very truly yours,

Enclosures (3)

CC: Dahlia Moodie
BAY-CABLEVISION

Mrs. Mary Wainwright, Member
Berkeley City Council

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CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL

July 13, 1993

Hon. Mary Wainwright, Member
City Council
CITY OF BERKELEY
Martin Luther King Jr.
Civic Center Building
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Mrs. Wainwright:

Recently, I heard a presentation by a BAY-CABLEVISION representative regarding their license/franchise they enjoy with the City of Berkeley. (At the time, I recall that I was sympathetic with the cable company's position which I believe concerned fees/taxes and related matters.)

Whatever, I bring to your attention what I consider to be a more serious matter involving BAY-CABLEVISION. Please find enclosed copies of my letter to one [REDACTED] General Manager voicing my protest over her elimination of the C-SPAN services, for which services we pay the full rate; replacing this valuable public service with black rap videos, all night fundamentalist preachers (2) all-night broadcast of people selling gold chains and other jewelry, sexually explicit call girl programs-- you name it!

C-SPAN 1, and 2 as you know is a 24-hour public service which broadcast in full the official proceedings of the U.S. House Of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate. In addition I have noted their coverage of the NAACP meetings, conventions, Dorothy Height's COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, the RAINBOW COALITION CONVENTION with Jesse Jackson, Presiding, Robert Woodson's NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE efforts, etc. Ms. [REDACTED] and BAY CABLEVISION have replaced all of this with rap videos, Playboy, X-rated movies, etc. for pay.

I request an appointment with you to discuss in detail the BAY-CABLEVISION programing, including their elimination of complete C-SPAN services. I will telephone for an appointment. Thank you.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

Enclosures

Copies, continued:

CCs:

Letter, to: Hon. Mary Wainwright,
Member
City Council
CITY OF BERKELEY
7/13/93

-Mr. Brian Lamb,
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400 N. Capitol Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001 [via U.S. Express Mail]
(202) 737-3220

[Certified U.S. Mail/Return Receipt
Requested 7/13/93]
General Manager
BAY CABLEVISION
Richmond, CA 94806

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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94710
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[REDACTED]
July 12 1993

[REDACTED]
General Manager
BAY-CABLEVISION
[REDACTED]

Richmond, CA 94806

Madam:

I have been a subscriber since your cable service became available. I am writing, and I have telephoned, to register the strongest protest over your virtual elimination of our C-SPAN 1, and C-SPAN 2 service.

For your information, both C-SPAN services provide great assistance in my work, which includes providing my clients with proposed governmental regulations, and in presentations and representation before myriad federal, state and local administrative tribunals, hearings etc. With your July 8th 'channel re-alignment' the only possible time to view C-SPAN 1, is to stay up all night from 12:00 AM to the morning, and/or not go to work during the business day; the same for C-SPAN 2 only now on from 6:00 AM. TO 6:00 PM. (Last night, I could not even get the important BOOKNOTES program; a review of Haberstein's '50s.)

I am personally offended that you have selected a host of black rap videos, a nutty preacher, at least two Mexican language stations, a number of schlox merchandising stations and God knows whatever else. As some indication of your concern for C-SPAN viewers, the night you changed your slovenly technicians failed to provide a picture, only sound. (I missed JOURNALIST ROUNDTABLE, etc.)

Your records will indicate that we had ordered an additional outlet scheduled to be installed on July 14, 1993; I promptly cancelled for the reason of your C-SPAN policy. I immediately contacted two local satellite dish companies, and when installed, we will cancel our present service also. Further, I intend to advise my City of Berkeley Councilwoman, in further protest, with objection to your City license or franchise. I simply cannot understand you replacing the C-SPANs in what is probably the most literate community in the nation, with an array of junk -- you blaming Congress is wrong; it is you who is the responsible party. For shame

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

CC: Mr. Brian Lamb
C-SPAN

-Mrs. Mary Wainwright