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Tyler, Texas 75701
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Mr. Brian Lamb
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400 N. Capitol Street NW
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Dear Mr. Lamb -

In response to your request that we C-SPAN devotees let you know how our local cable companies are handling C-SPAN:

GOOD NEWS FROM TYLER, TEXAS!!!

TCI Cablevision of East Texas has just restored C-SPAN I and C-SPAN II to our line-up. Right! Both of them! Isn't that wonderful?

A bit of history: We had both C-SPANs for years, and it was a shock when TCI took them off the air after that stupid communications legislation last year, which required cables to carry a whole bunch of "public access" stations... with nothing on any of them.

During the year or so this was in effect, I wrote and wrote and called and called TCI - at least once a month - begging them to bring you back. Also, I called the City Attorney who handles TCI's franchise negotiations and contacted

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"Heart of Tyler" (affiliated with Chamber of Commerce) to see if anyone there would help the cause.

I don't flatter myself that my teeny one-man campaign had any impact, but I did keep after TCI. Perhaps others did too.

Anyway — you're back! 24 hours a day! And we're just thrilled. To be sure, I wrote TCI immediately and thanked them profusely.

Your speech to the National Press Club the other day really scared me about the future, however. Is there anything else we should do to help keep C-SPAN flourishing?

With great admiration —
