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Dear Sir,

I WATCH C SPAN BECAUSE IT'S A PARTY!

Into my living room come the most important people in the world—literally. Since I discovered C Span, I found that life can be as interesting and exhilarating at the age of sixty as it was at twenty. I have a whole new world of exciting ideas to consider and newspapers, magazines and books to read.

When I try to decide upon the programming that I like best, I have a difficult time because although I get involved in Congress, I really love to attend (by proxy) meetings of such diverse groups as: The Nat'l Press Club, The Daughters of the American Revolution, The Foreign Service Club, The U. S. Naval Academy, The Brookings Institute Conferences, The Center for Int'l Security, etc. Whoever knows the most on any given subject will be the speaker—The President, or Ex-presidents, Alexander Haig Jr., Dr. Brzezinski, Senators, Representatives, Scientists, Doctors, Journalists. These experts are speaking to me about important, pertinent and timely issues in our country and in the world. Best of all, they are speaking in a 'language' that I can understand and listen to with interest. Sometimes their expressions are amazingly terse—like epigrams. I have fun trying to work these epigrams into my own conversations. At times I laugh out loud, all by myself, when an occasional politician gets involved in the wonderful evasive language of diplomacy.

Now I can feel Brian Lockman saying, "What about the NEWS? What are you reading in your local newspaper?" All of the daily morning call-in programs are hosted by a staff with a self-effacing persona. The guest journalists are spot-lighted and callers like myself are made to feel important.

Why do I watch C Span? Because it makes me feel like I matter; happy and alive as a person, and it helps me to keep alert and informed as a citizen. Now, I ask you, isn't that the purpose of a party?

Sincerely,
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