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DEAR C-SPAN (MR. BRIAN LAMB)

I AM FROM L.A. CA. ON 7-8-92, I WATCHED YOUR PROGRAM WHERE THE EDUCATION SECRETARY? LAMAR ALEXANDER SPOKE. My Main Complaint, First, I THINK IT'S great that your interns ARE allowed the opportunity to ASK the SECRETARY questions. However, My first observation, is that most of these youngsters are probably upper to mid-income children whose exposure in the inner-cities are limited, therefore have limited knowledge and/or questions to ask this man. Since the caller were not given any opportunity to ask deep and knowledgeable questions concerning the education of our children was in my opinion very shallow and a campaign speech. What he was saying to some extent already exist in L.A. County. We have a Magna program that called Choisir, where parents have an opportunity to have their children bussed to the schools of their choice. My daughter was involved in that program. So

he doesn't address the problems in the inner-city schools. Whose main problem is these schools are not receiving the same money that the suburban schools receiving. Secondly, the problems with our schools is they do not receive adequate money for equipment (books etc) necessary to teach our children. The school my daughter attended was a school (Center for enrich Studies) is in demand and attract children from all walks of life, Rich, Poor, Blacks, whites etc. However, I had a problem getting an algebra book due to the school not receiving the proper amount of books necessary in the class room!

Thirdly, my daughter is now in College. For ~~a~~ two semesters she attended Northridge (C-Sun) which is a State College. Due to drastic cut backs in the California State Colleges, she was unable to enroll in to required under Graduate Classes, because of these cut backs. She had to attend a community

College to ~~ful~~ fulfill Her undergraduate requirements. Due to this I was not only paying for Her to attend Northridge and West L.A. Comm College. Which had a drastic effect on my income even though She was receiving Student Loans. Plus the tuition increased 40%, She had to drop out of Northridge. I Am a single parent, but since in the Student Grant Dept. I make too much money for my daughter to qualify for grants. So, what Mr. Alexander is preaching as for as I am concern and those in my position is full of crap. I had an opportunity to attend College in the late to early 60's & 70's. I received Grants and loans (which I paid), I expect my child to have the same opportunity.

To close the next time you have Mr. Alexander on your program please allow the public to ask those hard questions. I've been watching your program for the past 5 yrs getting up 5:00 in the morning, due to my occupation that require

lots of reading, I am not able to read
Books and ~~papers~~ News papers as
I once was able to do. Your
program keeps me informed some
times I end up angry but that's
a positive because it keeps me
thinking and well informed about
our political system. That is the
Main reason I keep cable. Keep
up the Good work.

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L.A., CA

P.S I will NEVER CALL, I Don't Like
Sounding Foolish. I would probably
Forget the question.

I would like to know more about
your intern program for college
Students.

THANKS