

[REDACTED], Pawling, NY, 12564-1007

May 29, 1993

C-SPAN
400 N. Capitol St NW, Suite 650
Washington, DC 20001

Dear C-SPAN,

My wife and I want you to know that we think C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 do an outstanding job of educating and informing the public on what its government does. In the months leading up to the 1992 elections, we relied heavily on your two channels to learn as much as possible before going to the polls to vote. If not for C-SPAN, we could not have been as informed as we were when we voted for the first time last year.

We would like to ask if there is anything you can do to make our local cable company provide both C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 on a twenty-four hour per day basis. Currently, C-SPAN is available at all times, but C-SPAN2 is shown only as a filler for when MSG Network is off the air. In the enclosed copy of a letter sent to our local cable operator, we recount what actually happened while we were watching C-SPAN2.

We understand that some things are out of your hands with regard to what local cable operators do. Still, it doesn't make sense to mix a great channel devoted to education and informing everyone about our government's workings with a channel devoted to the mindless pursuit of anything resembling sports (such as what we were invited to watch). We would appreciate it if you can influence them in any way.

Keep up the great work you are doing. We would certainly welcome, as has been suggested to you before, a third C-SPAN channel devoted to Executive affairs. We thank you for the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sales

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C-TEC Cable System
120 Lake Street
Dallas, PA 18612

Dear C-TEC,

It was recently brought to our attention that the reason C-SPAN2 is not on all day is that it is used in our area (New York) as a filler for when MSG Network is off the air. We were told that MSG has the rights to the channel slot it is on, and has the right to claim it at any time. This arrangement is not acceptable to us. We wish to have both C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 available 24 hours per day.

If something has to be dropped from the channel list, and you don't want to drop one of your pay-per-view slots, you might be able to drop The Discovery Channel (TDC) from the regular line-up without dropping it completely. This would be done by having TDC appear only through the converter box, and only when the converter box is turned off (and the TV is turned on). In this way, you could use the extra channel slot to show C-SPAN2 without giving up a channel. Even if the originating TDC signal has to be put on a different channel slot, we're sure there is a way in which it can be done. Perhaps it can run on your pay-per-view slots when no movie is being watched.

In any case, we want C-SPAN2 available 24 hours per day, and not on the ridiculous transmission schedule you have it on now. We want no more idiotic switch-overs like the one at approximately 6 PM on Thursday, May 27, 1993. We were happily watching Senator Joseph Biden, one of the more important and intelligent people in our government, giving a very telling and interesting speech on the floor of the Senate when, because of your absurd broadcast arrangements, the signal switched and we were watching women in bikinis playing volleyball on the beach! Is this more important than what our government is doing? Stop this ridiculous game, and give us a full day of C-SPAN2.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our view.

Sincerely,

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