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Mr. Brian Lamb, Director
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Having been laid off from my job a year ago and not having found a replacement job I have been watching C-Span a great deal of the time. I find your coverage to be unique. As you say, it must be supplemented with other sources, but it offers a viewer a real sense of complete coverage of events of major political/economic importance.

Up to the time of my being laid off I could not view C-Span because my local cable company, a division of Multimedia of Greenville, South Carolina, carries it from 6:30 to 6:30 on weekdays only. That's sixty hours out of one hundred and sixty eight available. The rest of the time, including weekends, we are subjected to something called "Home Sports Network."

Now my cable company is putting on advertisements proclaiming that the cable industry is contributing fifteen million dollars toward C-Span. Also they are announcing the advent of C-Span II. The ads are saying that the company is going to add more

junk to our cable channels in the form of an all cartoon network and something called the Sci-Fi channel.

I watched the Bruce Collins interview on the meaning of the Congressional action on re-regulating cable and heard him mention that C-Span's agreement with cable companies is that they are required to carry one hundred percent of your programming. How does Multimedia get away with short changing us? Please reply, as I am going to fight this as best as I can. I need some help and suggestions as to how I can apply some viewer pressure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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