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Dear Brian:

After 5 years of trying to call-in to you and guest reporters, I decided the best route to offset my frustration was to write you. I would like to thank you for the excellent programming on C-Span. I enjoy watching government in action, attending lectures and dinners in Washington via television and most of all listening to your discussions on Book Notes and call-in shows.

One of the finest and most innovative books I have read this year is Race Matters by Cornel West, chair of Afro American Studies at Princeton University. His insight and analysis of race relations would make for an interesting and informative Book Notes program. I hope you will invite him to appear with you.

I generally enjoy your comments and find you eminently fair. Only once did I question your handling of a particular comment by an author (Sykes I believe) as he spoke disdainfully of people who dwell on earlier victimization via sexual or physical abuse and attempt to manipulate the system. His statements revealed a lack of understanding of the impact of post traumatic stress syndrome and the goal of rx. As a therapist and active member of the social work community I can firmly state that the goal of treatment is not to perpetuate dependency but rather to help people cope with painful past history and become able to achieve an independent and satisfying personal and professional life. I wished you had questioned him a little more strenuously on this point.

Thank you again for your excellent work. I look forward to more outstanding programs and to that lucky day when I can talk to you via phone.

Sincerely,
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