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Dear C-SPAN,

I'm writing to comment on your change in format in the morning programming. Although C-SPAN is, as usual, very important to us as a nation and a free people, I feel something has been lost in the change.

I, as a regular viewer of the Journalists' Roundtables, have not seen the usual spark of useful connection between the callers and the guests. It seems now to be more of a general sort of pointless rambling about everything put out by the daily spinners, but glossing over the spin alone leaves thought and depth very wanting. The very useful and necessary connection between the ruling elite and the ordinary citizen has been lost, or relegated, as it is on network television, to the

usual condescension toward callers which somehow distracts any possible hope of real communication connection.

I'm having difficulty describing what I mean. However, I do know that something has been lost, and the usual thought provoking exchanges that we've seen on C-SPAN now seem to be empty, very often of real substance.

I do like point/counterpoint, but would rather see a special twice a week longer version with far more depth into subjects chosen rather than the already hashed over rhetoric we see daily.

Perhaps if you were to reinstate your former Monday/Friday Journalist's Roundtable, and use your new format the rest of the week, the connection I came to admire so much, and look forward to, might be restored.

Nothing pains me more than to feel critical toward C-SPAN, for it is the real excellence which can be achieved on television. I hope we never lose it. Sincerely,