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Mr. Brian Lamb, CEO
C-SPAN TV
400 N. Capitol Street, NW
Washington DC 20001

RE: Revision of C-SPAN Transmission
via Cox Communications Cable
Division in the Greater New
Orleans Metropolitan Area

Dear Mr. Lamb:

I thought you would be interested in knowing which C-SPAN channels are currently being provided to cable service customers by Cox Communications in the above referenced area compared to what will be provided after completion, in the near future, of this revision (cable company calls it an "upgrade"). I am in this area, and I currently receive both C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 for twenty-four hours each day. I have greatly valued the nightly and weekend airings and reairings on both channels but especially those on C-SPAN2. HOWEVER, after the revision of the cable system is completed, it will not provide transmission of C-SPAN2 each day during the hours from 7:00 p.m. CT to 7:00 a.m. CT the next day (12 hours including prime time) and, C-SPAN2 airings during said hours will not be carried on any other Cox Communications cable channel in this area.

As mentioned in the 1997 C-SPAN U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY, "The cable television industry created C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 ...". Perhaps I should feel privileged to have had both C-SPAN channels each for twenty-four hours each day for the last few years. Since the cable industry started C-SPAN TV, then apparently any cable company can provide whatever C-SPAN transmissions the cable company decides to provide for whatever reason they want.

Without C-SPAN2 during the aforementioned hours, viewers will have lost a very convenient means of learning about the status of electronic information broadcasting businesses in relation to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee and the Federal Communications Commission as well as many other events including representatives from these businesses and related organizations. For example, I will probably miss future airings of meetings of the Advisory Committee for Digital Television.

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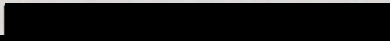
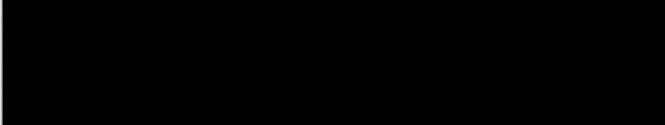
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Maybe my area will get lucky and the one and only cable service here will decide to carry C-SPAN2 for twenty-hours. But, perhaps the less the viewers are able to learn about cable television by not having these 12 hours each day this lesser amount of knowledge may be a plus for the company's profits. Just a guess.

As for C-SPAN TV, I thank you and all those who work for C-SPAN TV to make it such an outstanding network.

Yours truly, 


Copies: Senator John McCain
Chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science
and Transportation Committee

Mr. William Kennard, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

Senator John Breaux