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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I am a long-time viewer of C-SPAN, and of your program, and first would like to let you know just how much I enjoy watching the wide variety of subjects covered by C-SPAN and the variety of guests you have on your program. Unfortunately, Storer Cable does not yet give us C-SPAN II, but hope springs eternal.

The next time you have a panel of reporters or editors on your show, (print or electronic media) I wish you would ask them why they cooperate with the politicians in lying to the public. I refer, of course, to the reports of "budget cuts" that are not cuts at all in the sense that normal people use the word, but instead increases that fall short of some presumed escalated level of spending from the prior budget. This corrupts the dialogue between voters and their representatives and has, I think, contributed greatly to the continuing practice of spending more than revenue can cover. If the national press, radio and television news organizations adopted a uniform practice of reporting the supposed cuts as increases over prior year spending (e.g., "Chairman Zlitz of the House Budget Committee reported that the new budget cuts forty billion dollars from the budget for the next five years; however, in real terms the budget will increase two hundred million dollars in the same period") we would get precise information - and, I'd bet, fewer Congressmen or Senators who would be willing to be quoted as claiming spurious budget cuts.

Again, I really do enjoy your program. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
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