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ATT: BRIAN LAMB

Re: C-SPAN, LIVE MAR. 5, 1992
BUDGET RESOLUTION

Dear Sirs/Madam:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for affording us the chance to keep abreast of our Government in action and the important issues facing our nation today.

As a regular C-SPAN viewer I have gained much insight and knowledge pertaining to our Democratic form of Government. Complex as it may be, it can, and has worked well in the past. I have become increasingly aware of the importance of knowing about our Elected Officials and how they relate to the needs of their constituents. Naturally, the onus is on US, the constituents, to ensure the Representatives are cognizant of our concerns and priorities in order that they may avail themselves of these tools in the decision making process.

Having said this, I am pleased to enclose copies of correspondence sent to Representatives McCrery and Downey.

I am making a concerted effort to do my part and at every opportunity encourage my relatives, friends and neighbors to join me in bringing Government "back to the people".

I have repeatedly attempted unsuccessfully to reach you during "viewer call in", however, frustrated as I may become, based on the responses I have heard - I know I'm not alone and once again would like to thank you for bringing to us that which would otherwise be unattainable.

Yours truly, [REDACTED]

Enclosures

NEW YORK 11772
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THE HON. JIM McCRERY
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RE: C-SPAN, LIVE MAR. 5, 1992 , BUDGET RESOLUTION

Dear Sir:

I watched and listened intently as you expressed your views in reply to questions posed by viewers pertaining to the upcoming U.S. BUDGET. Your responses to the majority of queries, did, for the most part, concur with my own thoughts and opinion, if, in fact, the essence of your statements accurately reflected a veritable position on the various issues.

It would appear decisions were made and policies implemented with little or no regard for the sad consequences bequeathed to future generations who will have to suffer and pay for the "Politically Inspired" reasoning that caused this enormous U.S. DEBT to grow out of control. Unfortunately our offspring, and theirs, may not have the availability of resources to "Undo" the amassed debt principally composed of major components, such as, "Entitlements to the People" ; "Foreign Affairs" and "Defense Allocations" (a somewhat "Protected" entitlement); not to mention the subsequent, overwhelming, resultant interest on our National Debt. No single part of the perceived debt should be immune from scrutiny ; all budget segments should be open for adjustment in attempting to work towards a balanced budget and debt-free America. Budget funds should be "Discretionary" and not "Entitled". Effecting the latter would only result in withholding from Congress, Ways and Means and other committees, already reduced, crucially needed revenues with which to work towards revitalizing our depressed economy and demoralized Public Sector.

Help us tear down the Fire Walls. The 1990 Budget Enforcement Act is not working effectively or efficiently. The more money "Entitled", the less resources Congress (Bipartisan) will have at its disposal to combat the lingering and ever persistent Government-incurred Debt. Government works well by design. Continue to demand, encourage and protect the Peoples Interests. They are special. We, the electorate, will do our part at the polls. Everyone needs direction, including elected officials. We, the People, will provide better direction in the future.

Necessitated by rash Government spending and increased taxation, in order to maintain our current standard of living, we have been forced to seek additional means of supplementing our income (i.e., outside employment by both heads of household and/or second jobs; part time employment by our children whose primary responsibility at this time should ONLY be continuance of progressive education) thus reducing the quality of, and time afforded to "Family" - the nucleus of a healthy society.

Whether by choice or coercion, many of us, now not in the work force will have more time to reacquaint ourselves with our Government and its Elected Officials.

Take away the pressures exerted on Congress by narrow-minded, Special Interest groups, with only greed on their minds and give all of us an even playing field. Ambition and desire SHOULD BE the driving forces propelling us toward high levels of achievement; we SHOULD NOT BE hampered or misguided (deliberately) off course in attaining fulfillment. Complex tax laws allow the wealthy to achieve greatness, but only quell those having the ability but lacking the affluence because of inherent designs in our social structure. Accordingly, it has been made extremely difficult for the middle class to move up in social structure by using laws and taxes as "stumbling blocks" to limit our achievements in life.

For the best interests of all people (Citizenry), I would ask you as an elected official, to intercede on our behalf and encourage our Government (your colleagues) to move slowly and consciously when taking steps to detach itself from the earned responsibility of "True Entitlements". Do not allow to be pulled out from beneath us that which many have laid there, nor take away the umbrella previously provided to shield us when most needed.

We all share the culpability of overspending ; we all dream of the proverbial pot at the end of the rainbow and should work together to achieve this goal.

I am not adverse to hard work (an HONEST DAY'S WORK for an HONEST DAY'S PAY). I have worked hard most of my life and, will, by my own initiative and through personal endeavors, become retrained in order to reenter the work force.

I believe in separation of Federal and State Governments. If, at this time, the State is forced to continue to support Federal mandates after Federal "Secession" of its responsibilities, then the State has no recourse other than to raise revenue through taxation (increased taxes levied on individuals already heavily burdened by financial difficulties).

This brings to light a new revelation -- if the percentage of taxation were transposed, i.e., 30% State and 10% Federal, the Federal Government could conceivably break its "Entitlement" bonds and pursue a course towards attaining proper placement in its perceived vision within the so-called "New World Order", and the State could embark on a road to restore a healthy, fruitful environment to its local municipalities, who in turn could disburse these "seeds" to the populous therein.

Having said the foregoing, I urge and implore you to exert every effort and bring as much pressure to bear as deemed necessary, to ensure wise and discretionary use of the "Peace Dividend", and all revenues that pass through the HALLOWED HALLS OF OUR GREAT CONGRESS.

Yours very truly,


Concerned Citizen

C.C. REP. THOMAS DOWNEY (D-N.Y.)
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