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From: [REDACTED]
To: viewer@c-span.org
Subject: Dropping of C-SPAN 2 Copy of Letter

[REDACTED]
Canyon Country, CA 91351

November 11, 1997

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I turned on my television yesterday after work, and immediately tuned to my favorite channel, C-SPAN. Finding nothing of interest there, I went to my second favorite channel, C-SPAN 2. Much to my dismay I saw a cheesy infomercial for a double CD of oldie love songs. Thinking that this had to be a momentary glitch in your programming, I left that channel (17) and returned a half hour later.

Once again, no C-SPAN 2, only Shirley Jones hawking overpriced skin care products. Realizing that something was seriously amiss I called your office today and was told that in fact, C-SPAN 2 was being replaced by a "must carry" channel. Mr. [REDACTED] I ask you, "must carry"? Am I to assume that two full time and two part time shopping channels are somehow not enough?

In all seriousness, we live in a time when we are approaching a voter turn-out rate that hovers at around 50%. And, I might add, considering the quality of some of our elected officials, it's painfully obvious that many of the people who are voting are woefully uninformed on the important issues facing our nation. For this reason alone, there should be more channels like C-SPAN, not less.

I (and I'm sure many of your subscribers) find both of the C-SPAN channels to be vitally important to our national discourse. C-SPAN 1&2 are the only places on television where the discriminating viewer can find intelligent discussion of current events and government policy unfiltered through the blatant biases of the blow-dried, tele-prompter dependent nincompoops of ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN.

Mr. [REDACTED] please add me to what I am sure will be an ever growing list of subscribers requesting that you restore C-SPAN 2 to your program line-up.

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Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

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Canyon Country, CA 91351

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c.c. Mr. Brian Lamb, President C-SPAN