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It is my pleasure to recognize the civic responsibility of the cable industries in providing through C-Span access by the general public to how our government and its officials perform their duties and responsibilities. Of particular interest to me are the public proceedings of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Special Committee on Ethics. Those who work and reside within the "Beltway" have an opportunity to participate or report on their activities. However C-Span provides those other citizens ^{any} opportunity to observe and to come to their own and independent conclusions in regard to serious public matters.

However I think the opportunity for citizens "to speak their minds" as provided by your "call-in" programs provides opportunity for the diversity among all our citizens to be recognized. It certainly helps forming in formation of "public opinion" which may be expressed at the ballot box.

Although I am regularly employed during the daytime and because of the time differential between Washington D.C. and the West Coast

much of what you broadcast is only available to me and others in this area by "re-runs". Because of this condition participation in your "call-in" programs after 10 PM EST is extremely limited. I have for many months attempted to participate but always have received as "busy signal". In recognition that nearly 1/4 of all citizens of U.S. live and work on the West Coast I would hope you will in the future provide an expanded opportunity for them to participate and express their views.

Sincerely

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