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Marge Amey, C-SPAN
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Dear Marge:

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Last year they canceled outright C-SPAN II. Their response to my complaints was "that's our policy". This year they began running a "KIDZTIME" show at 3:00 in the afternoon in place of C-SPAN I. That kiddie program has now been canceled and instead of resuming C-SPAN I, they show a test pattern. I've offered to pay them more money, but to no avail.

Since C-SPAN is primarily concerned with the national government, I wrote to Sen. Arlen Specter and - although he's pretty hopeless and hapless - even Sen. Rick Santorum (who responded by sending a form asking for my soc. sec. number, bank account number, mother's maiden name, etc. before he could answer my letter! I, naturally, threw it away.) Specter was sympathetic and agreed that C-SPAN was an important source of information essential to democratic government, but essentially said that TCI was a little too big for him to take on. What a government!

Are't, Marge, outfits like TCI licensed by government, and are't they under some obligation to provide public service programming?

Could you send me a pamphlet or some information on C-SPAN: who funds it, who controls its distribution, what is its relationship to Congress (and what congressional committee might I write to) and any other information or advice you might have which will help me get C-SPAN I and C-SPAN II back?

Best regards,

P.S. In exchange for the requested information please accept this kongaroo with her "Joey". Not a bribe, just a gift. I make these origami figures for kids.

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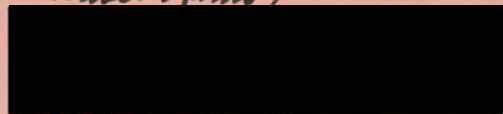
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