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Dear Mr. Lamb:

Because I listen to you so much and I am so impressed with your ability to persuade, to captivate, and to subtly intimidate your interviewees, I write you for help. Either direct help, or, if that is not possible, then perhaps you would turn this letter over to whomever at C-SPAN is in charge of marketing (persuading?) the C-SPAN channels and networks to the various Cable Companies throughout the United States. I want, need, desire, and long for the ability to receive C-SPAN II. Along with two books that I am writing, I spend a great deal of my retirement days writing "wake-up" letters to our politicians. It becomes harder to keep up with what is going on in the Senate without being able to receive C-SPAN II. I did have both C-SPAN channels in California and paid only \$16.00 per month with a senior discount to Cable Oakland.

Here in Seattle it costs me \$23.00 per month for only C-SPAN I and a whole bunch of tripe that I never watch. It does boggle my mind that TCI keeps trying to sell me more junky channels while at the same time claiming they are unable to offer me C-SPAN II. I keep hearing that these two channels are available because the organization of Cable Companies throughout the United States made them available to better serve the public. I have noted that TCI, compared to other cable companies is extremely greedy. When their salespersons have called to interest me in new channels, I have told them that I would be perfectly content the rest of my life with just the 3 older networks plus the 2 C-SPANS, PBS, CNBC and CNN. I always blaboff the ads and offensive violence, therefore, I find it difficult to comprehend their stance on this if they are one of the largest cable companies and have their share of control of the foundation set up by the cable companies. So, Mr. Lamb, I beseech you to do , or have done anything possible to allow me to receive both of your channels. It is not possible for me to return to the San Francisco Bay area for health reasons. I bought a house here near the Sound with its fresh, non-polluted breeze. During the huge Oakland firestorm, I became sensitized to smoke and the poisons therein so was advised by doctors in that area to leave the Bay area if I wished to retain my sight.

I am now seventy-six with at least ten more years to write the things I always wanted to when I was raising my son and working for newspapers across the U.S. Seattle no longer seems like the prosaic small town it was back at the beginning of

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World War II, but in some ways it is worse. It still clings in a dying grip to Yuppydom and the fantasies of the Reagan years without much self-scrutiny or realization that most of the other states are feeling the pinch of near depression. Yet previously Washington has been a leader in social change movements, both amongst the people and in its choice of representatives to Washington DC.

While still in California last year I watched and heard the hearings and passage of new laws and regulations pertaining to Cable TV. Was I dreaming when I thought that I heard them correct the amount of absolute monopoly that existed? The little monopolies as well as large which still exist here in this area would put my cats to shame for the extent that they protect their territories. I sure don't understand the attitude of TCI which is the company with whom I must deal. Is there any way that you know to make it possible for me to receive C-SPAN II?

Thank you, Mr. Lamb, for your time and whatever trouble this letter puts you to. At least I have been able to receive your marvelous book reviews on Sundays.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. I would correct my mistakes except I am in a tight race with the mailman. He won last time.

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