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C-SPAN
400 No. Capital Street NW Ste 650
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RE: Invitation to send comments re the C-SPAN 1 period of cable "Must Carry" rule

Dear Sirs:

Yes, indeed, I do have comments. I live in a largely retirement community south of Phoenix, AZ; subscribe to cable; and am a C-SPAN "junkie".

Mr. Perot certainly convinced the public that they must pay attention and remain aware of what the government is doing, as well as to be vocal about issues to their representatives. However, the news services seem only to parrot" each other, with little investigation and commentary. It is CSPAN where I get accurate first-hand information, and usually this bears little resemblance to the same issue as reported by the press. **Thank you C-SPAN**

I have been invited to write a continuing column called "C-SPAN Watch" for our local newspaper (sample attached). A number of us have been urging our local cable, Sun Lakes Cable, to also carry C-SPAN 2, when a channel becomes available. At present, I have to depend on a friend in a nearby area, where the second channel is carried, to actually watch the Senate. We also were somewhat irritated to learn that the local cable company had no intention of doing a survey of consumer interest in our area. Nevertheless, the cable manager has been very cooperative and at least verbally supportive to C-SPAN 2. At the same time, she expressed concern of the effect of the new "Must Carry" rule being imposed .

I for one am darned sick and tired of government intervention! This is another example of the government deciding what we shall think, and do--as children who have no independent judgment. I was horrified, while watching your program today about that rule. Mr. Schwartzman indicated that some cable companies may have a fiduciary interest in the home shopping networks-- aha! I wondered about that, as we have three of those.

I continue to believe that if we spend our money to subscribe to cable, what is carried should be determined by consumer interest, just as buying TV Guide or any other subscription. If C-SPAN is not given preference as important consumer information that should not be superseded by any other channel, then my suspicion that Mr. Clinton does not want informed consumers, will grow. Will government next regulate what areas we're permitted to access by telephone? Hopefully the lawsuits will prevail.

Sincerely,

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