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Dear B rian,

As I was looking for your address at C-Span I ran across this bit of information "Privately funded to serve the public of American's Television Companies".

Ironie indeed. Do you know what T.C.I. cable company did to our community here in Elwood, Indiana? Without notice, no warning, they took you away from us . Right when the Health Care bill and NAFTA are emerging on the agenda, we are deprived of the action.

They claim the government made them do it.

They have lied to us. Word is that of October 6, they are removing CNN from our viewing. I was told by the district manager in Lebanon, In. that if I had supported them in the spring when this cable was being argued maybe we would not be paying now. I was also told that she had taken a survey and that our poor viewing was a reflection on the mentality of the community.

In this little town of 9000 population, we have had a presidential candidate, Wendell Willkie; a poet laureate of Indiana, Jeb Carter; and a multiple term congressman, Phil Sharp. I resent being told we are dumb.

T.C.I. serves all surrounding communities around us, we were the only ones that lost C-Span or any programming at all. I am going to remove my cable and go back to an antennae. It was nice knowing you, and fun while it lasted.

I am devastated. I feel like my life line has been cut.

Enclosed is a letter that I wrote to the editor regarding this. Thought you might like to read it.

Bye,



Elwood, In. 46036

People speak

To the editor,

In their infinite wisdom TCI cable has decided that the viewers in Elwood are not smart enough to watch anything but duplicate programming. We pay for two identical PBS stations, two channels with religious propaganda, two home shopping network programs and the gyrations of MTV but in order to make way for Channel 40 they have taken away C-Span. They claim they took a survey and according to them, us hicks here in Elwood are not interested in watching our futures being debated in Congress.

They have realigned our stations without telling us, lied to us about their services and generally rewarded our patronage by kicking us in our collective teeth.

Anyone who is interested in not being kicked around any more can purchase an antenna at Radio Shack for under \$100 that will bring in the networks, Channel 59, Channel 20, Channel two and Channel four for your I.U. games.

If you want to register a complaint with your congressman about the

way you are being swindled by cable in Elwood, call Phil Sharp at 1-800-382-8655. He is plenty interested in hearing about the way cable is taking advantage of the people in his home town. The FCC is also wanting to hear from you. Their address is: Federal Communications Commission, Cable Form Request 329, P.O. Box 18238, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Don't let TCI censor your viewing. They are providing us with a bunch of junk viewing. Let them know you are not as dumb as they seem to think you are. If you are upset about the removal of C-Span and the workings of congress from your line-up, call the cable office at 552-0893. They claim they are taking notes, they claim they are here to serve you, and they claim that the government made them do this.

If you believe that I've got a bridge I'd like to sell you.

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