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MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754-3726

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C-SPAN
400 N. CAPITOL ST. N.W.
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

Dear Friends,

I am a C-SPAN junkie and believe C-SPAN and C-SPAN 2 should be required viewing for all citizens. It took a long while until C-SPAN 2 was provided by our local cable monopoly but it has been available for about six (6) months.

Unfortunately, however, the following message was included with the current monthly invoice:

"IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL CUSTOMERS

RECENT LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS AND RECENT FCC DIRECTIVES IMPEMENTING THIS LEGISLATION REQUIRES CABLE OPERATORS CARRY CERTAIN SPECIFIED BROADCAST STATIONS. THIS "MUST-CARRY" REQUIREMENT HAS CAUSED THE DELETION & REPOSITIONING OF CERTAIN CABLE PROGRAMMING. PLEASE NOTE THAT EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMING WILL BE ADDED, REPOSITIONED OR DELETED FROM OUR SYSTEM: CSPAN II ON CH.60 WILL BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY KWHY (FORMERLY ON CH.30, MUST BE CARRIED FULL TIME) CNBC (CH.32) WILL BE CUT BACK TO DAYTIME HOURS ONLY & MOVED TO CH. 30 KDOC ADDED & PLACED ON CH. 32. KRCA ADDED ON CH.61. WE REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN THIS TIME OF ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEW LAW."

Please note it says "C-SPAN II will be deleted."

Do you have any suggestions as to how people like me can receive C-SPAN 2 without moving to another city?

Many thanks for your exemplary devotion to broadcasting events as they happen without prejudicial commentary. If more people went to C-SPAN School there wouldn't have been any need for the Motor Voter Bill.

Sincerely,

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May 16, 1993

[REDACTED] General Manager

Crown Cable

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Alhambra, CA 91802-1451

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Well, here we go again. C-SPAN 2 is apparently gone for good in Monterey Park and all the other areas so wonderfully served by Crown Cable.

I have written to Senators Mitchell, Dole, Feinstein, and Boxer as well as Representatives Markey, Gingrich and Martinez hoping that one of them will tell me why they passed legislation which explicitly ordered Crown Cable to delete C-SPAN 2 from its offerings.

In these perilous times this viewer is anxious to find the small pockets of truth that exist in government and relies heavily on what our Representatives and Senators actually say before their words are ground up by the media. You are a real disappointment and obviously disingenuous when you told me last year how anxious you were to find a spot for C-SPAN 2.

Your company name change is indeed appropriate with your references to royalty. It means King Watson decides what the viewers should be allowed to watch and if they don't like the choices that's tough.

It looks like I'll have to move to a different city if useful, honest information continues to interest me.


Sincerely,

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May 13, 1993

The Honorable George J. Mitchell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-1902

Dear Senator Mitchell:

If you have ever seen a picture of the mushroom generated by the massive release of energy of an atomic or hydrogen bomb and realize the devastation possessed thereby you will have a small idea of the anger I felt after reading the enclosed "Important Message" from our local cable MONOPOLY, known this month as Crown Cable.

You may recall that the only VETO by former President Bush overruled by Congress was the Cable TV Bill. We are now feeling the effects of your infallible wisdom. Less for more, although this practice does follow the Clinton philosophy.

I find it most interesting how anxious you are on the one hand that everyone should become a motor voter while on the other you appear equally anxious that we not have access to the facts which should help us decide how to vote.

Senator Boxer told me, "I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of your views. It is important for our citizens to be involved in the political process."

During the five (5) months CSPAN 2 has been carried by our cable operator in Monterey Park I discovered how important it is to watch the debates. Only two weeks from now the Senate will be debating the President's tax package but, alas, CSPAN 2 will have been deleted and I'll have to rely on second hand information again.

Why aren't the cable customers entitled to receive mandatory notice from the FCC when their interests are affected?

Sincerely,

