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Dear Senators and Members of Congress:

On June 2, 1986, the window on Washington provided by C-SPAN to over 25 million cable households opened wider. That's the day that live debates from the floor of the U.S. Senate were added to the in-depth coverage of Congressional events which C-SPAN has been offering to cable television viewers for some time.

To commemorate this historic step in C-SPAN's growth, the network commissioned the enclosed poster from Washington artist Burke Belser. His work is designed to reflect the many aspects of C-SPAN's unique programming: House and Senate debates, Congressional hearings, viewer call-in programs, Close Up student programs and more.

Copies of this poster are being offered for sale to our viewers nationwide. We hope you will accept this copy of C-SPAN's 1986 commemorative poster with our compliments.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul A. FitzPatrick".

Paul A. FitzPatrick
President



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As a journalist who has participated in C-SPAN's morning call-in program, we wanted you to have a copy of C-SPAN's newest commemorative poster. Commissioned from Washington artist Burke Belser, this poster signifies the latest step in C-SPAN's seven year growth -- the June 2nd start-up of Senate television.

This poster illustrates each facet of C-SPAN's public affairs programming: live coverage of both houses of Congress, committee hearings, extensive political programming, the viewer call-in on which you appeared, Close Up student programs with administration officials and more.

In order to carry live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. Senate the cable industry has given the go-ahead to a second public affairs channel, which we have named C-SPAN II.

C-SPAN II will be launched on June 2nd at noon with a two-hour preview program on Senate television and continues throughout the six-week test period offering live coverage of the Senate. Selected Senate debates will also be carried on a delayed basis on our original C-SPAN network which serves 25 million cable households.

More than 300,000 cable television viewers in the Baltimore/Washington area will have access to these live proceedings of the U.S. Senate. Nine local cable companies have committed a second channel to C-SPAN II -- forming the largest concentration of C-SPAN II subscribers in the nation.

They are:

Washington D.C.	Capitol Connection*	Channel 12
Anne Arundel, Md.	Jones Intercable	14
Bowie, Md.	Prime Cable	A-27 & B-36
Montgomery Co., Md.	Tribune United	76
Prince Georges Co.	Metrovision	B-25
Alexandria, Va.	Jones Intercable	27
Arlington, Va.	Hauser Cable	31
Fairfax, Va.	Media General	19
Lake Ridge, Va.	Columbia International	38

Across the country, some 120 cable systems have slated C-SPAN II for their program line-ups. This means that some 5 million households will have the opportunity to witness the opening of the Senate chamber to the scrutiny of television.

For more information, call C-SPAN's Public Relations department at 737-3220.

* The National Press Building receives C-SPAN from the Capitol Connection.

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