

October 22, 1993

Brian Lamb
C-SPAN
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Lamb:

On the Donahue/Possner show on CNBC, you stated that you were filing suit against the "Must Carry" legislation that went into effect on September first. I wanted to write and let you know just how angry I became with our cable company and unjust I think this law is..

The first point: The cable company initially dropped C-SPAN and included two shopping channels. This action brought a flurry of outrage from so many of the subscribers with letters to the editor, phone calls to the local cable representative, and a petition that was mailed to their headquarters in southern California. The result was that they met with the City Council and negotiated to have C-SPAN share time with the educational programs, announcements and/or other programs on the Local Access channel. At least we could watch your programming part of the time.

I do not find this very satisfactory. I work during the week. For a number of hours each afternoon, on Saturday and Sunday mornings they bring nothing but announcements which seem to be repeated over and over for about 3-4 hours. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights they have junior college classes until 9:00 p.m. Sometimes they switch to C-SPAN in the middle of a committee hearing for example. Not to my liking at all.

The second point: The majority of people were supposed to have a decrease on their cable bill due to this legislation. After comparing the current charges for the same programming as before (minus full-time C-SPAN) I get a DECREASE OF ONE CENT!! In return for this "great bonus," I receive two additional shopping channels. This gives me a total of three and a loss of C-SPAN. What a deal!!

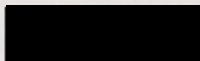
I hope that this letter reaches you as I do not have your address and have not seen it displayed recently when I have been able to watch you programming. Also, I most sincerely hope that it will help you in your law suit.

Sincerely,

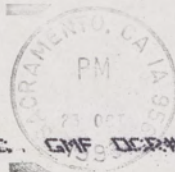
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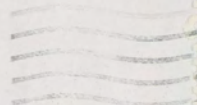
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