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**From:** Mart Green  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
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**Subject:** dual must carry comment

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Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

It is my understanding that the FCC has not yet issued a final rule regarding dual must carry issues.

I would like to most emphatically urge you not to adopt a rule that would in any way discourage local cable stations from feeling able to carry C-SPAN and C-SPAN2, and C-SPAN3 if they should ever decide to distribute it nationally. C-SPAN is the very definition of the idea of using the public airwaves in the public interest and I absolutely can't imagine a federal agency doing anything to interfere with the availability of **this** crown jewel of American broadcasting.

I am a mild and middle aged wife and mother and I've never written a letter to any agency about any proposed rule about anything, but I feel so strongly about this I will take to the streets to protest any rule that dampens the distribution and growth of C-SPAN.

I don't know if I need to send this comment from a member of the public to a special address within your agency in order to have it count but, if so, I'd appreciate it if you would forward this to that address or have someone contact me with the proper place to comment.

Thank you for your time,

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