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From: Marlene Jakubosky
To: Michael Copps
Date: 4/18/03 2:04PM
Subject: c-span

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Dear Commissioner Kopps:

I think having C-Span on cable and satellite is crucial to full participation in the American Democratic Process. If the system were changed so that it wasn't on the air, we would all lose out. I don't understand the complexities of the rulings, but as a satellite viewer, I'm forced to pay for scores of stupid shopping stations, and other garbage I don't want, so I don't think it's a big deal for the cable and satellite stations to provide something people actually do want, even if they don't make money off it, because they're sure as hell making money since they have virtual monopolies on the market. I, for one, have the big choice of one satellite provider and don't get local channels. Those who have the priveledge of having a FCC license must realize priveledge comes with responsibilities, and that should be public service. There is no public service more vital than C-Span.

Respectfully,
MRChinello@msn.com

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From: MortensenM@hotmail.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 4/16/03 9:16AM
Subject: For CSPAN! Against a 'must carry' rule!

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I am a U.S. citizen and viewer of both Adelphia Cable and DISH Satellite TV. I am against a 'must carry' rule if it means losing any existing CSPAN programming or any existing Public TV channels. I also am wanting to begin receiving CSPAN3 in my area. I currently do not have access to CSPAN3 but am very interested in receiving it.

I am also interested in Technology advancement and excited about Digital TV and HDTV that is on the way. I still do not wish, however, to lose any public programming from networks like CSPAN or should I say from Programs like CSPAN as it gives me true Democracy. True access to listen with my own ears to Congress and other important news - WITHOUT THE FILTERS of Journalistic opinions and Political leanings.

I appreciate greatly receiving this fabulous and very important programming to help educate myself on current events.

PLEASE PLEASE do not take actions that would jeopardize this critical programming.

Thank you for adding my concerns to millions of other viewers. I'm sure I represent a large group with similar views.

Marti Mortensen, Hayden Idaho (near Spokane Washington - 6 hrs from Seattle)
208-772-4856
MortensenM@hotmail.com

P.S. I am a small business person too - who pays for Adelphia Cable TV at home and business locations, as well as DISH SATELLITE TV at several locations in various Counties in North Idaho where I live and work.

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From: Wendy Miller
To: Michael Copps
Date: 4/12/03 6:49PM
Subject: C-SpAN

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I am very concerned about any legislation that could cause me to lose C-Span as part of my cable network. This is the ONLY unbiased news service in my area with coverage of news from all over the world. The loss of this independent news source would be a huge blow to millions of viewers and to the diversity of news sources.

Wendy Miller
San Rafael, CA

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From: EWilson375@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 4/8/03 9:03AM
Subject: C-Span

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Please do not adopt any rules that will take C-Span off the air. It is near the top of the list of my favorite channels.

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Elizabeth D. Wilson
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From: David
To: Mike Powell
Date: 4/6/03 12:18PM
Subject: C-Span Presence

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C-Span, theoretically represents a free society at its best. And although it falls far short in its representation, its presence is still of value, at least one channel of it!

My concern is that in the challenge to bring "peace" in the American, United State's culture, C-Span needs a little more breadth than the culture of a left-wing or a right-wing media. A current example exemplifies my point. The presence of two telephone numbers to (1) call if you are in favor of the war in Iraq, or (2) if you are opposed, demonstrates not only an uncreative, but disfunctional approach to positive solutions for our society. The war is a fact.

Typical of Washington D.C. carping over perceptions of power, when it comes to national policies, let's have a little more creative help rather than making fools of ourselves with impotent leadership with government supported media!

Dr. F. David Wells
Boise State University

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From: Dorrance1@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: 4/4/03 12:45AM
Subject: Truth

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Not surprised that this admin. would want C-Span off the airways.

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From: Colin Hoops
To: Mike Powell
Date: 4/3/03 4:40PM
Subject: c-span

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c-span can be considered an essential check and balance for our system.

It is the only source for the public to observe the processes of government firsthand without the inevitable biases of middlemen. We cannot be afraid to use the communication systems in place to enable democracy, the blood of which is information. There must be some pure sources of that information, and as they are dwindling in numbers, each of the remaining become more important in facilitating informed decisions by the public. This is not a case of government intervening with the market, nor is it an issue of interfering with a networks freedom of speech. Rather, it reflects a government trying to assure that it truly represents and makes manifest the will of its people.

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From: Dick Melita
To: Mike Powell
Date: 3/27/03 3:08AM
Subject: Threat to Cable Delivery of C-SPAN

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Dear Mr. Powell:

It is with great concern that we have learned of the continuing debate of the Dual Must Carry ruling.

We consider any action by the FCC that would threaten our family's access to the C-SPAN networks a disaster for cable television. Please take this into consideration in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Richard Melita

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CC: KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy

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From: Dick Melita
To: Mike Powell
Date: 3/27/03 2:11AM
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Richard Melita

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From: Lenny Padron
To: viewer@c-span.org
Date: 3/22/03 6:52PM
Subject: My vote of Non Support for CSPAN

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Recently I have been incredibly disgusted with CSPAN's handling of the US War against Iraq.

The proportion of coverage given to the Anti War demonstrations, versus the Pro War rallies have been very unbalanced, even thou 70% of our country supports the war.

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From a person who used to watch CSPAN for hours as far back as 4 years ago I now find myself experiencing the coverage of Pro Abortion Groups, Anti War Rallies sponsored by anti American Communist Organizations, Women for the support of the Iraqi dictatorship, Rallies or coverage of any leftwing university campus or fringe groups, etc etc.

Althou CSPAN has the right to televise whatever they wish, if a fair balance of coverage was presented then I would not have any issue. This in my opinion has not been the case. I thus urge the FCC to remove whatever must carry priviliges that CSPAN enjoys.

CSPAN has lost its bearing and impartiality and thus does not deserve any special consideration from the government. CSPAN should be treated like anyother cable channel and there should not be any obligation for cable systems to carry it.

I urge the FCC to have a governmental channel that brings to us the two houses of government plus the executive without any biased viewpoint and programing. That is what CSPAN used to do very well but unfortunately not any more.

CSPAN has become a sponsor of one single ideological viewpoint and thus has lost my overall support and trust.

Sincerely
Adalberto Padron
Miami, Florida.

CC: Mike Powell

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From: Mart Green
To: Mike Powell
Date: 3/21/03 12:43PM
Subject: dual must carry comment

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Dear Chairman Powell,

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

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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,

Martha Green
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From: vze2cdxz@verizon.net
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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Sir,

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Historically, every dictatorship begins its reign of terror by first seizing control of the free press. It is for this reason that I am convinced that the imposition of a "dual must carry" rule has as its primary purpose the suppression of free speech. While I am not endowed with the power or the wisdom to decide what should or should not be considered legitimate news, I am possessed with the common sense to realize that the commercial media, owned and operated by commercial interests, who serve the campaign finance interest of elected officials can not be relied upon to disseminate unbiased news.

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From: Joan Howard
To: Mike Powell
Date: 3/5/03 10:03AM
Subject: I oppose the 'must carry' law

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I support continued C-SPAN coverage of Federal and National events, e.g., Senate hearings, The House proceedings and other vital LIVE news worthy events which may not otherwise get coverage. Please keep it available on cable TV.

Thank you.
Joan Howard
Scottsdale, AZ

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From: Jen
To: Mike Powell
Date: 2/21/03 3:54PM
Subject: CSPAN

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CSPAN is fair to all parties. Please don't make rules that will take it off the air. thanks, Jenny Hurley

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