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**From:** Wendy Miller  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/12/03 6:48PM  
**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  
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**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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**From:** Vik Sharma  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB  
**Date:** 4/1/03 7:12PM  
**Subject:** CSPAN

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If you guys have any true concern for democracy and freedom in this country, you will make sure that CSPAN remains available on cable/satellite TV for citizens like me, who find it critical that we are able to see our congress in action, hear committee meetings, the National Press Club etc., and have access to all the other superb shows they air. If you gut CSPAN, you will disgrace yourselves. Do we have to see more catering by Federal Agencies to hand wringing, whiny, pathetic mega-multi-national corporations, at the expense of average citizens like me? Already, the number of media outlets providing independent news in this country has been drastically reduced in this country. What do you want to do--turn us into sheep or idiots?

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From: MortensenM@hotmail.com  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: 4/16/03 9:16AM  
Subject: Against 'Must Carry' Rule! FOR CSPAN, CSPAN2, CSPAN3 MAY - 5 2003

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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.

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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:** Lahary Pittman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, Apr 18, 2003 5:21 PM  
**Subject:** Re: C-Span

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Hello Mr. Powell, I am writing to voice my support to maintain and preserve all current C-Span programming. This of course pertains to provisions related to the Dual Must Carry plan that are currently under consideration.

Our broadcast systems have grown to be dominated by a corporate base which increasingly narrows the range of opinion, debate and analysis worthy of a full-fledged democracy. The programming provided by C-Span is one of the most balanced offerings available on television--and would create a critical vacuum if denied it's current breadth of broadcasting.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Lahary Pittman  
NY, NY

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**From:** alan thummel  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 17, 2003 12:08 PM  
**Subject:** C-SPAN EXTORTION

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I recently realized that Cox Cablevision limits C-Span to digital subscribers, while C-Span2 is viewable to analog customers.

Though I am a digital subscriber, I am limited to 2 of the 5 T.V.s for digital viewing. It is most irritating to not have C-Span available when I am in a location in the house that is not boxed for digital reception!

The customers not employing any digital service are unfairly selectively screened from having the opportunity to view our Governments' daily proceedings; which should be available to any citizen wishing to observe the actions of their elected officials!

Please right this wrong by employing any and all of your resources, as I have, so that the cable companies are not allowed to restrict any citizen from their rights resulting from the use of extortion.

Alan Thummel  
Yukon, OK

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