

December 10, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We respectfully request that if the House of Representatives debates Article(s) of Impeachment against President Trump you allow C-SPAN to place our cameras in the House Chamber to cover those proceedings.

C-SPAN, because of our 40 years of experience covering Congress, has served as the television pool for every news organization covering the impeachment inquiry hearings held by the House Judiciary and Intelligence Committees. Through it all, we have provided the American public a comprehensive, unbiased view of these events.

There are few debates more significant or historic than when the House of Representatives exercises its constitutional role of impeaching a president. It is common practice during the State of the Union address and Joint Meetings of Congress to allow private news media cameras to cover those speeches. The historic nature of the impeachment debate and the intense interest on the part of millions of Americans, and the world, argues for this same approach.

We hope you will give serious consideration to this request. We commit to working with your staff and the House Radio TV Gallery on the number of cameras and their placement within the chamber. In addition, we'll make our feeds available to all congressionally accredited media organizations. I'd be happy to answer questions you have about our request.

Sincerely.

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