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C-SPAN Executive Committee  
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**Stand with America's media workers and remove Allan Block from C-SPAN's board**

Dear Ms. Laulis and Messrs. Esser, Watson, McAdaragh and Rutledge,

Your fellow C-SPAN board member Allan Block has made quite a bit of news lately.

You're likely aware of the [Block family's support of the January 6 insurrection](#) and their attempts to [manipulate their newspaper's coverage](#) of the attempted coup. And perhaps you're one of the hundreds of thousands of people who have seen the video of Allan [hitting a former employee with a bag of fast food](#).

We need you to know about his and his brother's inhumane treatment of workers at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, who [went on strike](#) in October after the Blocks stripped health insurance from dozens of workers. Workers have also filed multiple charges of bad faith bargaining over which the National Labor Relations Board's Pittsburgh office [found merit and issued a complaint](#). We expect a judge to issue a favorable ruling for the striking workers soon.

Because of this behavior, we are calling on you and the board to remove Allan Block from your board of directors immediately.

Allan Block has become a liability — to his employees, to his company, and to C-SPAN's reputation as an institution of stability and objective coverage.

C-SPAN has earned that reputation through decades of dedication to high standards by remaining neutral. You and the board uphold those standards and have acted swiftly before to remove anything that could damage C-SPAN's brand.

We believe Mr. Block's continued presence on your board poses an ongoing risk to the network's brand. His anti-democratic and anti-worker behavior are deserving of greater public scrutiny and are anathema to a neutral institution of public discourse like C-SPAN.

**We urge you to apply your own rigorous standards to one of your own board members.**

Sincerely,

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