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## **C-SPAN Joins Media Organizations Urging Cameras in Trump Trial In U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia**

**WASHINGTON, October 5, 2023** - Today, C-SPAN has joined other media organizations in urging greater media access to former President Donald Trump's historic upcoming trial in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for alleged election interference.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan has set a March 4, 2024, trial date.

A national coalition of media companies filed a motion today for trial access in this case and court. The motion is a request to record and telecast the trial by the media, or by the Court publishing its own livestream on YouTube or releasing video/audio at the end of each trial day.

The coalition also sent a letter today requesting that the Federal Judicial Conference grant an exception to its ban on cameras in federal criminal cases. The Coalition is asking for this exception due to the uniquely high public interest in this case and the unprecedented nature of a trial of a former president. The Coalition advocates this exception as an opportunity for the American public to assess the process and results for themselves in real time, which C-SPAN has long advocated as part of its mission.

On behalf of an informed public, C-SPAN stands ready to provide live, gavel-to-gavel coverage of this trial on its TV and digital platforms.

### **Here is the list of the participants:**

Advance Publications, Inc.,  
American Broadcasting Companies, Inc. d/b/a ABC News,  
The Associated Press,  
Bloomberg L.P.,  
Cable News Network, Inc.,  
CBS Broadcasting, Inc., (letter only)  
Dow Jones & Company, publisher of The Wall Street Journal,  
The E.W. Scripps Company (operator of Court TV),  
Los Angeles Times Communications LLC,  
National Association of Broadcasters,  
National Cable Satellite Corporation d/b/a C-SPAN,

National Press Photographers Association,  
News/Media Alliance,  
The New York Times Company,  
POLITICO LLC,  
Radio Television Digital News Association,  
Society of Professional Journalists,  
TEGNA Inc.,  
Univision Networks & Studios, Inc.  
The Washington Post

**About C-SPAN:**

C-SPAN, the public affairs network providing Americans with unfiltered access to congressional proceedings, was created in 1979 as a public service by the cable television industry and is now funded through fees paid by cable and satellite companies that provide C-SPAN programming. C-SPAN connects with millions of Americans through its three commercial-free TV networks, C-SPAN Radio, [C-SPAN Podcasts](#), the [C-SPAN Now app](#), [C-SPAN.org](#) and various social media platforms. The network's video-rich website contains over 270,000 hours of searchable and shareable content. Engage with C-SPAN on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), and stay connected through weekly and daily [newsletters](#).

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