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I watch RFD-TV on DIRECTV in Virginia. My response is in reference to proceeding # 16-41. Small independent TV stations are the backbone of America. This nation's TV was developed as a means of communication for rural America as well as all of America. This provided a means in which rural America could have access to world and local news and events. The information covering local events was and continues to be a major means of gaining knowledge of events critical for rural America to stay up to date on all aspects of their life style.

Allowing major corporations to pick and choose only programing that they believe is financially beneficial to their bottom line is nothing more than censorship.

Contrary to major corporations' desire to make a financial profit this is a free nation with free speech. Not allowing small companies such as RFD-TV and all other small stations access to all broadcasting companies indicates that America is no better than any communist country which dictates what it's people are allowed to view or not view.

This issue will be addressed by myself and all of my family and friends every electi on.

Respectful ly,  
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