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I watch RFD on Direct TV. My Name is Mark Nower. It is important that stations like RFD are kept on the air. I'm an agriculture instructor in California. I watch RFD for all the latest agricultural news and events. As you may know, the FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) is an organization of students in public schools preparing for careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Approximately 630,000 FFA members study in 7,800 school-based chapters in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operating under a charter received from the U.S. Congress in 1950. Here in California we have 80,000 members.

Here are some other points I would like to share with you:

? We are concerned about possible discrimination against independent and rural-serving programmers in the cable television industry.

? Agriculture is one of our nation's largest, most productive economic sectors, and rural-serving programming is important to the industry of agriculture and to rural and urban communities alike.

? To attract a talented and well-prepared workforce, it is essential that information about American agriculture reach rural, suburban and urban audiences.

? It is critical that issues vital to rural communities are shared and explored with urban audiences. Toward this end, television, radio and online programming that delivers that messaging is essential to local, state and national interests.

RFD-TV has been a huge supporter of Ag Education and FFA ? please help ensure this programming remains available to all audiences.

Sincerely,

mark Nower