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I watch RFD-TV on DirecTV, and am writing to express my concern over the proposed removal of RFD-TV from the homes of many viewers served by Verizon. 50 million customers will not settle for being ignored. The programming offered by RFD-TV may not be of interest to executives in New York, but we strongly object to those executives dictating what may or may not be viewed by people in rural America...not only rural America but also in many other areas of the country. RFD-TV offers programming that is family-oriented, and also of interest to the senior citizens of this country. Many of the distributed bundles of television programming now contain stations that few would watch due to their graphic nature, but those in positions of authority are forcing them into our homes.

The programming offered by RFD-TV is such that I would not hesitate to let our family watch any of the shows. What they see will not be against strong decent family values.

As an example of shows aired just today - one in particular "Out on the Land". They discuss soil conditions and the dynamics of same. Where else can you learn about range management, crop growth, water management, soil improvement, wildlife care, hydrologic function? With so many claiming to be in favor of helping the environment, without that type program, they would have to attend a university course, or better yet, watch RFD-TV. How many presumed environmentalists understand the plow pan concept of fields? You aren't going to find that knowledge elsewhere. Farmers feed the world, and they care for the environment. Yet another show discussed the need to teach willingness, respect and communication between a horse and rider - better than some movies shown elsewhere that merely condone cruelty to animals.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider and keep RFD-TV on the air.