

Dear FCC: (Reference: Proceeding 16-41)

I am writing to you to tell you that we watch RFD-TV on Dish Network, channel 231, almost exclusively. It has the entertainment from television that we prefer above the local channels, PBS, and the premium channels. My wife and I feel that it is very important for the public to have choices with which we watch television from -- and that the independent channels, such as RFD-TV, be allowed to remain free from any and all discrimination from you, the FCC.

Even though RFD-TV is an independent television station, the programs that us older people watch and totally enjoy should be allowed to remain as they are now. Free and clear to provide us the programs which are preferred by us older people as well as all the rural and farmer population. We enjoy this programming on Dish Network and feel strongly that it should also be offered on Direct-TV as well. Those customers should not be denied the privilege of being able to watch such wholesome and family-based programming.

We are sincerely asking you to protect these independent television programmers. Furthermore, we feel that these independent stations/programmers such as RFD-TV be offered on all cable and satellite-offered listings as part of the most economical package offered, and not be forced to be under the "premium" channel package tier which means we must pay more -- which most of us cannot afford.

We are also asking that you, the FCC, not allow the urban-based media giants to block rural content from being distributed because of their own bias against the rural and elderly population.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give praise for RFD-TV and all the programs they offer to us. This kind of programming is exactly the kind of programming that each and every individual American should be able to watch.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Carey Stevens