

James D. Lilly, Jr.
121 Cosima Court
Leesville, SC 29070

March 16, 2016

FCC
% RFD-TV
49 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

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RE: Proceeding Number **16-41**

Dear FCC:

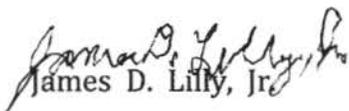
I watch RFD-TV on Comporium (formerly PBT) Communications, in Leesville, SC. It is my understanding that Verizon FIOS has dropped RFD-TV from their system lineup. The shame of it is that it will probably be replaced with some special interest channel which, in my opinion, has far fewer viewers than RFD-TV such as "Viceland", the marijuana channel as I like to call it, or some other such drivel.

I am a senior citizen who grew up in the 1940's on a hillside farm in Southern West Virginia. Maintaining my roots I have retired to a rural area near Leesville, South Carolina. The country music alone aired on RFD-TV provides hours of relief from the current music genre, and I use the term music loosely! Modern farming, farm related technology and machinery used in farming are no less than awesome.

Rural programming should be required watching for elementary school children so as to enlighten them of the miracles which happen to provide the food they eat and drink. In my opinion, it is no less important than the 3 R's. **R**ural should be the fourth R. Readin', Ritin, Rrithmetic, and Rural.

People of my generation won't be around much longer, but rural living will be here forever. Do not allow the big media providers to push important and enlightening programming off the air at their digression, it is just not the way America works!

Sincerely,


James D. Lilly, Jr.

Phone Number: 803-892-6612
E-mail: lillyjimdan@aol.com

16-41

RFD TV

49 Music Square West
Nashville, Tenn 37203

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Doris Hyde

4554 East Cherokee Dr.

Canton, Ga. 30115

770-479-2860

Direct TV

Dear FCC Proceeding No. 16-41

Please keep the wonderful programming on RFD-TV - It is the Best, most informative, programs on all TV.

I am a 76 year old, retired school bus driver - I drove for 32 years - long enough to know that most kids don't know where ~~their~~ their food and steaks and eggs comes from -

The entertainment on RFD-TV is very good for seniors and I thoroughly enjoy it - Thank-you!

By the way I help my Dad drive a tractor when I was 12 years old he had an old John-Deere - the old putt-putt-putt - I helped him lay off rolls in the garden - that was very rewarding! There is a wonderful feel is working the soil - Thank-you Doris

3-16-16

Dear FCC, Proceeding number 16-41,

I watch RFD-TV on Medicom. I initially was thrilled to get the channel to watch the many horse related programs as I have two horses I was interested in training, and learning to be a better horsewoman also.

Additionally, I discovered there were several other shows on this channel which encouraged the rural lifestyle and there ~~lot to~~ DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL learn and enjoy.

If this channel was dropped from cable lineups, it would be ~~as~~ a shame as the rural lifestyle needs to be encouraged and supportive in this increasingly ~~busy~~ ~~and~~ urban culture.

Please continue to provide opportunity to encourage the cable channels to carry RFD-TV.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Ezelle

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11267 Hwy 62 E.

Calvert City, KY

42029



Curtis and Gwen Redemer
12075 E Kachina Pl.
Dewey, AZ 86327-7008

March 15, 2016

To: FCC - Proceeding # 16-41

FR: Gwen Redemer
12075 E. Kachina Pl
Dewey AZ 86327
520 366 4125

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I watch RFD-TV on DISH network, as a big city dweller you can't take the Country out of this gal! Rural programming provides education and entertainment (wholesome) for the young, middle-aged and elderly.

Take a look at country duo Joey + Rory's program on RFD-TV (and blog) and gain some insight into what matters in life.

Gwen Q. Red

Proceeding number 16-41
We watch RFD-TV on Dish.

Ed Boyle
38628 E 875 North Rd
Saybrook, IL 61770
309-475-6841

Dear FCC, I'm writing this request on behalf of both my husband Ed Boyle and myself Virginia Boyle. We are asking that you find in favor of the independents, and in particular RFD which we watch on Dish Network. I'm aware that many are of the thought that it's main viewers are a minority, but I want to list the wide interest of those viewers, plead our case that RFD is the ONLY programming directed at and available to us and is much used, appreciated and depended on by those viewers. We were both raised on farms in a strictly agricultural lifestyle, my husband here in central Illinois in the heart of corn and soybean country, and myself in central Kansas in the heart of the wheat belt. In addition to grain farming both of us have a strong lifelong involvement in the livestock industry. We've been actively involved in farming (and still are) virtually ALL of our lives.

RFD is of particular interest to me for it's wonderful horse programming. Again I've been actively involved in the horse industry from the age of 8. I've been a pleasure rider, horse-show competitor, and most recently a serious breeder. You are probably (and understandably) unaware of the huge impact the horse industry has had on the economy. I don't have the figures at hand, but several years ago the American Horse Council did an in-depth study that found that the Equine Industry contributed more revenue to the economy than the ENTIRE entertainment industry comprised of movies, theatre, recording and concerts. RFD's programming includes top horse trainers, Chris Cox, Julie Goodnight, Craig Cameron, Clinton Anderson, and several others that I won't enumerate here, but excellent information and for our horse community. There are also excellent Veterinary-related programs that help us keep updated on new medical advances, etc., for the care of our animals.

There are also great programs on RFD for the cattle producers, a couple of which would be Cattleman to Cattleman, The American Rancher, Superior Livestock Sales, etc. All great information and super-interesting for our livestock industry.

My husband Ed, and most of our farmer friends and neighbors depend on RFD to get some of the latest information on agricultural advancements in seed and chemical areas and new machinery technology which assist them in helping us to produce the food that you and all your urban associates pretty-much take for granted. The older of them absolutely LOVE antique machinery programming, a chance for them to sit back for an hour or so and relax with a much appreciated trip down memory lane. The RFD Marketing programs are useful in making our farming ventures profitable.

And now to just plain enjoyable and informational programming that isn't available on other venues. I strongly suspect that I'm not alone in enjoying the western and rural lifestyle programs. West of Wallstreet, Texas Country Reporter, Dakota Life, and Cowboy Church etc., are television bright spots in an otherwise many channel offering of violence, sex, feather-brained stupidity that so many channels seem to think the American people would want to watch.

In short (and it wasn't really all that short was it?) we are pleading with you to save RFD TV (and the other independants such as The Weather Channel.) There really ARE more of us out here that have lives that impact even those that don't watch those channels than you would think.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration

Ed and Virginia Boyle
38628 E 875 North Road
Saybrook, Illinois
geboyle@frontier.com

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Dear FCC, 16-41

March 9-2016

I'm writing in regards to the issues we are being confronted with about our RFD TV that is being cut from our TVdish Channels - why does Verizon want to get the independent programmers off our plan? We want our, our, farm shows, the music is awesome - all the weather info shows we do NOT want to LOOSE any of the RFD independent programs cut from our TV Channels - RFD has a diverse programming which we want to keep.

RFD Programming is the Best Keep it on our plan!!!

The Conglomerate Companies produce such Horrible programs that aren't fit to be on the air and you who support that should be ashamed of your choice of shows you program -
Keep RFD on the air.

Sincerely,

Elmer Messner
9416 23rd St NE
Tulsa NB 58380

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Sincerely,
Harvey Messner
9416 - 23rd St. NE
Tolna N. Dak 58388

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Vance CUTTING Horses

TRAINING, SHOWING & SALES

16-41

3/15/16

Dear FCC,

Please use your influence to secure RFD TV's spot on our Dish network as well as other networks such as Verizon. Word is out that several networks are bias against rural programming, and some have already dropped these from our television viewing. As farmers and ranchers in south-central Nebraska, we rely on RFD-TV. In addition, it is ^{one} channel out of our 300-some available channels that the entire family can watch. Patrick Gottsch has certainly brought the farm community to the forefront bringing rural and city folks together. Do not forget the folks who put food on your kitchen tables. We may not be as vocal as some, but we are here and we love what we do.

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Sincerely,
Bonnie Vance

16-41

March 15, 2016

C..R. and Jeri Carpenter
18310 Jones Creek Rd.
Waldron, AR 72958

Dear FCC
c/o RFD.TV
Proceeding # 16-41
49 Music Square West
Nashville, TN 37203

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Dear FCC:

The continuation of RFD.TV programming means we get wholesome viewing. We appreciate the reduced repetition of ads, while other channels are filled with bad language, violence, nudity, etc. The generations coming after us deserve better choices. We are thankful RFD.TV presents better programs. Please continue the broadcasts on the Dish network. We believe RFD.TV has a positive influence in the country and urban areas.

Sincerely,

The Carpenters

The Carpenters

Dear F.C.O.

proceeding # 16-41

Harvey and Christina Thompson

Rt 2 Bx 255b

Piedmont, Mo 63957

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I watch RFD TV on Dish network because it informs me about political decisions coming up or already ongoing decisions that I have some say in. Agricultural politics are very important in the economy of our country, and I need to be informed.

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RFD ^{informs about} ~~shows~~ me agricultural products such as Herbicides + pesticides that I use or may use in my day to day operation

③

RFD is entertaining in a way that is always for the family. No foul language or compromising situations.

④ why should a big corp. tell me what I can watch and not watch. Isn't that the beginning of propoganda. I pay for my t.v. shouldn't I get to watch what I want.

Thank you for looking
out for the little
guys

Harvey + Christy Thompson

March 8, 2016

Dear FCC - Proceeding # 16-41

Because of our love for rural living (due to the fact we have been farming all our lives) we want to pass on our need for access to RFD-TV. Even at our age we learn everyday from programs, keep up on rural news and weather. Great music and even get to see the country as we are not traveling people, but we see it on RFD-TV. Also the markets

I would also like to put in a word or two for some of my neighbors who are in Senior Homes. Anytime I have visited, RFD-TV is the only station I've seen on. What a shame if we were unable to tune it in.

Sincerely,

Dixie Rabehl
24974 663rd St
Wabasha Mn 55981
651-565-4877

Direct TV (we watch)

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c/o RFD-TV
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I watch RFD-TV on Inside Connect (Cable/Satellite Company). I would like for RFD-TV to remain on television for my family to watch. It provides good, clean entertainment. There should be more good programming like this station. Don't take RFD-TV from us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Darvin Mann

(Signature)*

Darvin Mann

(Printed Name)*

2114 Knob Creek Rd.

(Street Address)

Shepherdsville KY 40165

(City, State, Zip)

(502) 922-1707

(Phone Number)

The FCC is now accepting comments from citizens on the recently adopted (NOI) Notice of Inquiry in regards to independent broadcasters like RFD-TV being squeezed off the air.

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Sincerely,

Wilma Mann
(Signature)*

Wilma Mann
(Printed Name)*

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Sincerely,

Christian Mann

(Signature)*

Christian Mann

(Printed Name)*

2084 Knob Creek Rd

(Street Address)

Shepherdsville, Ky. 40165

(City, State, Zip)

(502) 922-2012

(Phone Number)

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Sincerely,

Tammy D. Nichols
(Signature)*

Tammy D. Nichols
(Printed Name)*

2429 Knob Creek Rd.
(Street Address)

Shepherdsville, KY 40165
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,


(Signature)*

Wayne Nichols
(Printed Name)*

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Aurora Inn

3-10-2016

RFD-TV

Having to live alone in a Condo
I actually pay extra just to re-
ceive your programs - They are clear
informative & very enjoyable -
sure beats all the campaigning crap -
I raised 7 children - and I would
never have let my brood act² grown²
people utter the things they say.

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if they acted
civilized instead of like a bunch of
kids -

So you can see why we older ones
enjoy the programs RFD-TV runs -
we could use more of that type on
TV - programs - we aren't afraid to
let the grandkids can enjoy, learn
good clean living.

SO PLEASE Keep RFD-TV on
the air.

Adella G. Atting

March 11, 2016

Dear FCC,

Proceeding # 16-41 I watch on Dish network
On RFD-TV the programs are very important
to us rural people. The equine
programs, ag. the family programs,
country music + polka shows.

Senior American programs - don't drop
RFD-TV on Dish. There can't be
a wall built between urban and
rural America.

Please don't drop RFD - it is
very important.

Sincerely,

Darlene Mack

82311 Cottonwood Ave

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Well NE 68823

308-346-4445



Patricia D Williams
290 York Rd
Crossville TN 38555-1171



11/24/11

Dear FCC

Please do not discontinue
our RFD TV, we
~~need~~ the good clean
programs.

I have Verizon
cell & may not be
as long a customer.
In this world of dog
eat dog, RFD is real
& caring, & clean.
Thank you,

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Pat Williams

290 York Rd, Crossville
TN 38555



1/2 R.F.D. - T.V.

03-14-16

16-41 F.C.C. Proceeding,

Am listening to R.F.D. T.V.
while writing this. I am a
Senior at Montross Square

Time Warner is only cable I
can get here, in this building.

I enjoy the Classic Country &
Blue Grass Music, Poplo music

Very good cable R.F.D. T.V.

I am a vet, retired farmer &
woodman.

So why mess up R.F.D. T.V.
Cable.

Thank you,

David W. Thompson

145 Church St. Apt. 512

Montross, PA. 18801

LOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL 570-278-3531

60N. Lane Creek Road
Carmays Point, N.J. 08069
March 16, 2016

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Dear FCC,

Re: Procedure 16-41

I am a retired farmer in South Jersey. I am a loyal and long time subscriber to Dish TV and RFD-TV. I probably look at RFD-TV channel 25% of my TV time. I especially enjoy the programming on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. RFD-TV's programming is enjoyable, clean and good for all ages.

I protest the dropping of RFD TV by Verizon. I have many urban friends who would like to see DISH's RFD TV on their supplier programming.

I have one family friend who is a rabid Philadelphia Phillies fan who wants RFD TV, but only Comcast carries the Phillies. If he leaves Comcast for Dish, he loses the Phillies games. These big urban companies should be made to carry some rural programming.

I respectfully request you thoroughly investigate the dropping of RFD TV, The Weather Channel (another of my favorites) and the Outdoor Channel. I understand Verizon did not lower their rates after dropping these channels.

Yours truly
Carena D Johnston
856 299 3214

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3/15/16

DEAR FCC -

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WE ARE CURRENTLY A DISH
SUBSCRIBER AND ARE VERY PLEASED
TO BE ABLE TO GET RFD PROGRAMING.
WE FEEL THAT RFD IS ONE OF THE
FEW IF NOT THE ONLY STATION
THAT STILL HAS GOOD DOWN TO
EARTH FAMILY VALUES. RFD PROGRAMING
EXPLAINS WHERE AND HOW YOUR
FOOD IS GROWN, IT HAS GREAT
ANIMAL STORIES AS WELL AS
STORIES OF GOOD DOWN TO EARTH
PEOPLE. RFD REALIZES AND
IS NOT AFRAID TO SAY THAT
GOD IS STILL AT THE FRONT OF
THE PARADE. THE COUNTRY
NEEDS MORE OF THIS TYPE OF
TV NOT LESS, TO LOOSE THIS
STATION WOULD BE LOOSING
ANOTHER STONE IN THE
FOUNDATION OF THE GOOD OLE
USA - I AND ONLY KNOWS IT
NEEDS MORE STONES NOT LESS.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP RFD WELL,
ALIVE AND ABLE TO BE VIEWED
AND ENJOYED BY MANY.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME
SINCERLY
ROGER & BOBBI SCHULTZ
NEW ERA MI.