March 23, 2016

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DISH Satellite

DOCKET# 16-41

FCC Chairman tom Wheeler
and Board Members:

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I would like to add my voice to those protesting cable and satellite companies who are dropping rural networks like RFD-TV, Bluehighways, Outdoors Channels and others from their programming without consideration to subscribers of these independent channels and the independent producers using these avenues. It's outrageous to sign up for a service, committing to a contract for a provider, only to have them move channels to different locations during that contract period and expecting the consumer to accept a higher rate for the higher level package. When the consumer then complains and threatens to drop the service, we are faced with "fines" or a penalty for violating a contract that the service provider themselves violated by their actions.

Here we are, after the Bell Telephone Company was broken up in 1982 to provide MORE competition in the phone industry, we have SIX major media companies controlling 90% of all channel slots. How does the independent networks to survive? I URGE the FCC to take action and protect consumers and rural networks alike. WE NEED MORE COMPETITION and options to keep the market open for those competitors, not more control for larger providers who are buying up or merging to create even larger monopolies.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views, it's long past time for the concerns of consumers to receive examination to protect our interests and those of the smaller networks and producers. IF you have any doubts as to the need for more competition, just look at programming on some of these networks. There are NO familty values and denigrating views of people of

faith have become a staple on some networks and we see families, seniors and people with values looking for better options. Some of the content on movie channels such as STARZ, Cinemax, HBO and others are so vulgar, with such sexual gratuity, any adventure or excitement is ruined by the vulgar content contained within. And those network providers wonder WHY rural stations are so popular! WE NEED RFD-TV, Bluehighways and others! I URGE the FCC to respect wishes of the consumers, protect competition in the marketplace and ensure MORE competition, NOT more control by larger media companies.

Thanks for your attention,

James R. Smiley
Glen Saint Mary, Fla.

March 25, 2016
Glenn & Jackie Webb
2216 Clifford St.
Bonifay, FL. 32425
850-547-3446

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Dear FCC, Proceeding Number 16.41

We Glenn & Jackie Webb ask you to please do not remove RFD/TV off the air.

The programming is decent and informative for all ages. As you well know a lot of programs are not decent for any of us to watch. We have never seen anything on the RFD channel that was not well enough for anyone to watch - children, teens, young adults, elderly - also middle ages can't leave them out.

We enjoy all that RFD/TV airs - Please, please do not take them off the air - We need clean programming to stay on the air -

God bless y'all to make the right decision

Thank you, Glenn & Jackie Webb

Dear FCC 16-14

Please keep RFD on the air as it is the best weather, farm, and ranch station on the air. So much better than a lot of stations that are included in each package. There are a lot of stations that degrade morals that need to be taken off air.

RFD should be in each package Dish sells instead of some that degrades peoples character.

People who want it take off should stop and think who are supporting this country.

Mildred Starr
P.O. Box 94
Mullen, NE 69152

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Dear Sirs:

I am very disapointed you want to discontinue RED TV.

I enjoy watching the weather.

Cooking channel, California Bounty, Texas Road,

Dancing programs

Food growing in different States & ~~Countries~~ Countries.

there are many Seniors ~~are~~ Shut ins who watch RED-TV

I enjoy watching the different harvesting - & farm Reports.

the crops that are raised in different Countries.

I hope you will leave RED-TV on the air.

there are so many other channels on TV that Very violent.

Sincerely,

Carol DeMars

Carol Demars
11570 Foley Blvd NW
Minneapolis, MN 55448

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RFD TV
FCC 1641
49 Music Square West
Nashville, Tenn. 37203

37203+3243

March 25, 2016

Dear F.C.C; proceeding No: 16-41,

I'm writting a letter of concern, to protect R.F.D. TV channel. It is our only channel we watch on DirectV Satelite.

We are semi-retired Ranchers & Farmers. That was I and my husbands life.

Our business consisted of Cattle, Sheep and horses and grain farming.

We also, were in-volved in music, old time & Country western.

So, please keep the R.F.D. Channel.

We don't need satelite if this Channel is ever deleted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Naomi Engelter and
husband Robert
4460 35th St
New Salem, N.D 58563

March 2016

FCC-Procedure
c/o RFD TV
49 Music Square W
Nashville TN 37203

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Dear FCC:

This letter is support of RFD-TV and any independent / public stations be included on satellite & cable programming. The general nature of the programs fit our lifestyle - Christian, family, and farming.

Most other stations show movies and programs with foul language, sexual situations / nudity, evil plots, brutality, killing, etc. None of these are proper for children and adults with a conscience. We pay the price and can't benefit from anything there. All those evil programs lead to more crime(s) and overcrowded prisons.

Please, please keep the good stuff! Christians and farmers are consumers, too. Our lives, concerns, and money are as important as anyone in a city.

Paul & Wanda Durham

229 Snowbird Ln.
Walterboro, S.C.
29488

CODE 16-41

Dear FCC

RFD, America's most important rural network must not be taken off the air. It is so important to us. I have had a stroke - 8 years ago. I'm confined to the house. I'm paralyzed on the left side and have to have sitters. I was a very active man before the stroke and had a horse farm. Now I depend on RFD to know what is going on in the agricultural world & animals. My TV stays on RFD all day & most of the night - This network is so important to the seniors, it informs so much about scams and problems they need to be aware of. Its a life line to so much for us Seniors.

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The younger generations need to know where their food comes from & how the farmers have struggled to keep family farms going.
We have Dish service & we are begging, Please do not take these RFD channels off the air.
We thank you Mr. Gottsch for fighting for the RFD channels, & hope that this will help.
Thank you!

Larry Simmons

3/15/16

to whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to you to ask why you dislike the rural people? We are hard workers and supply the food you eat every day.

After our work we enjoy watching programs that we are connected with: RFD TV. There are so many good RFD TV programs that we are connected with. From crop reports, rodeos, good Christian singing groups, news and so much more, we, as a rural community enjoy.

We never watch the other stations, as they flood your mind with profanity, rock music, reality shows - for example. Why are you blocking and dropping RFD TV? The city people can watch all the other channels and let us watch RFD TV. Keep the large urban based cable companies from discriminating against rural TV. This needs to stop.

We are in complete support of keeping RFD TV on the air!

thank you for listening to us.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. Jim Cochran
30047 I Ave
Adel, IA 50003

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Dear F,C,C, TV proceeding 16-41

Myself and my wife Janie would love to keep all the great shows RFD-TV provides. We watch dish network and have seen our bill go up 15-20.00 this month while talks of channels being dropped. We do need RFD-TV for FFA and the westerns and good shows our whole family can watch. The bigger television stations are killing out. Each time they remove a channel. Verizon does not care about anyone. Please keep our Rural Channels on. We stand united Rick & Janie Robinett as people who love RFD-TV and want the free channels left alone. They took our big dish "Now our free channels"

"You'll be in our prayers"

The Robinetts

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Rick & Janie Robinett
8916 Route BB
Henley Mo 65040

3-25-2016

FCC 16-41

Sir

I watch RFD T.V. a lot and would miss not bee being able to watch it. With the exception of Sports it is my favorite Channel to watch. Hope you are able to help RFD T.V. to be available to every one.

Thank you

Bill & Carol

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WPOWEAS1@COX.NET Great Bend, Kansas
67530

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Dear FCC,
Proceeding number 16-41, Please keep RFD-TV on the air. It very important to our family. It the all around TV channel to watch. I watch RFD-TV on Dish.

Thank you,
Dean Speckmaier

Dean Speckmaier
42264 Lewisville Rd
Hempstead, TX 77445
281-492-4603

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Doris Mangrum
6223 Henry Ford Dr.
Nashville, Tnn 37209
March, 26, 2016

FCC 1641

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I'm just a plain ol' Country girl. But I have lived in Nashville for the past 58 years of my life. And I have learn a lot of things. But what I have learned most is how dumb City people are. They don't kown were their food Come from, or how it is grown. That you have growing season for different Crops.

All of this you Can learn from R.F.D.. But what can you learn from All the Sex shows that can be seen.

I guess that is why I watch R.F.D. More than any other.

More Guns and More Killing.

One last statement. "your education is not Complete until you have look at a mule's rear all day across a Corn

(over)

field on a hot July day." then you will know where your food comes from and what work is.

with out framing and Ranching we can not live. So don't take the only Chanel off that is decent to watch.

Doris Mangrum.

P.S. Any one

FORM 31M-5

DON'T SAY IT—WRITE IT

TO FCC 16-41

DATE 3-25-16

FROM Hazel + Tom Downey - 946 County Road 2275
Moberly, Mo 65270
Phone 660-651-6402

Dear FCC
We watch Rural Programing on Direct TV. We are senior citizens (over 80) farmers and cattle men and really enjoy the farm news. Especially like the old westerns, religious programs, Larrys Country Dinner, Gaither Video, Small Town Big Deal, Roping + Rodeo, Polka Shows Nashville On The Road, Porter Wagoner, Jimmy Sturr Shows

I could go on and on.
It is so Important to Keep It On Thanks

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Tom + Hazel Downey
946 CR 2275
Moberly Mo 65270

PRESENCE OF MIND MEANS ABSENCE OF INJURIES

Dear FCC. 16-41

I watch R.F.D.-TV, I do not own a computor, I am a Rancher I Raise Angus cattle that helps feed the world, I have a Verision phone, that dose not work half the time, or I would have called. I have Dish net work T.V. R.F.D. is the best thing that Dish has going. All my family has Dish and watches R.F.D. TV. I should quit trying to feed the world and Raise just enought to feed my family.

Thanks Charles T Edwards
P.O. Box 61
Nocona, Texas 76255
Phone 940-249-1375

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Dear FCC

I am writing you in regard to RFD programming Case# 1641 I urge you to use your influence with the Large programming NetWorks that are wanting to drop this important progran RFD Channel I watch RFD on DISH NETWORK and am so glad to still have it. My husband and I are older people and RFD is one of the few Channels that has clean wholesome programs and we Very much want to Keep it. Thank You for using your influence on the other ones that are Trying to drop RFD

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Thank You

PHONE # 573-696-2618 RALPH + ROSALEE RAVENSCRAFT
106 BOONE COURT
HALLSVILLE, MO. 65255

3-22-16

Dear FCC,

I'm writting to ask you not to block or drop the RFD Channel from the line up on Cable tv or satalite tv, my family enjoys watching the singing shows. I don't understand why you would want to block or drop this Channel.

Please reconsider taking these shows off the air and give the people what they want to watch. Thank you!

Sincerly,
Estelle Whitley

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To whom it may concern;

I just want to say that I enjoy watching RFD TV. I even listen to the cattle, horse and crop reports.

The music is great! I just love everything RFD TV has to offer.

Thank you so much!

Sincerly
Breanna Kia Presley

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ARICEPT
donepezil HCl
5-MG AND 10-MG TABLETS

1323 S. Maple Ave
Fairborn, O.
23 March 2016

Dear FCC. RFD.com Patrick, etc

I wish I could tell you how much I love country music and the country world. What would we do without it? I am an old Farmer and my partner spouse is gone.... I can't do much now and I like listening to that wonderful duet melodious; trio, quartet, all kinds stringed instruments. Marty Stuart's show with Connie Smith and [illegible] top my list, and then Porter Wagoner and Dolly P. and musicians are a close second. They can sing + dance + play music altogether at the same time. I love it. I'd never seen those shows — can hardly wait till Sat / Sun to see who will be on as guests, etc. next time.

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2. ~~ARICEPT~~ ~~donepezil HCl~~ 5-MG AND 10-MG TABLETS Hee-Haw is silly, but good Music too.

Too busy on farm to see much televis; church used to be tuneful, harmony and meaningful, but Not so much now. What a different time it is. ...
Surely, RFD is part of a long ago meaningful life to be treasured ~~Joey~~ + Rory were good - now, they're gone. There are No more Randy Travis, Earl Scruggs, Bill M.: Never see/hear Dolly P. any more or Loretta Lynn. I fear it won't return likely Not, and I'll be lost, Losing vision and some hearing — do we count for anything? Work we did! Please leave us some remnants of the life we loved & respected. Those people were/are greatly talented. Please do more to encourage good harmony + good work, don't care much for rodeos or things hunting animals. I love that little boy with the hay in his teeth, and

and ~~then~~ he has a big grin
with a split in his teeth,
Could watch it ½ day
at least. Cutest thing I ever
saw. Need more of that.....
Polly B's Polka really nice;
Larry's Diner mostly waste of
time - sorry, sorry to say.
they won't let the singers sing...
they act foolish ...?! ---?!
who pays for that?
It's late and I am worn out;
hope I haven't left anyone out;
some elderly man talks about past
when I can catch it. Nice.
RFD is God's way of sending
us some smiles and reminices, spl
Happy Easter - thanks and
prayers for
now - and ever
Ella Bowling