

Criminal---DTV is a colossal crime against the American consumer. Mandating digital tuners in sets sold after July 2007 is moronic--- that is well after the proposed conversion date. It should have been 3 to 5 years BEFORE the mandatory conversion date. TV sets last on average 10 years. I have 13 devices with analog tuners, all working for a happy consumer. You are causing me a very significant "uninsured loss" and there is little I can do. Some industry knot-head said he could get DTV (NOT HDTV or EDTV, but just DTV) converters down to \$50 if people would only buy them. Wrong approach--sell them for \$50 or less and people would buy them. At \$50 it will still rob me for \$650. Mandate the availability of reasonably priced converters, THEN set a timetable for mandatory conversion. This is the biggest anti-consumer action ever. Retailers and (foreign) manufacturers are the winners--selling us replacements for the stuff they just sold us last week. As for the trade imbalance faced by the US, this is a government mandated foreign purchase (we don't make any of this stuff). At least my AM radio continues to work despite the conversion to AM Stereo---thank goodness you required compatability for some things. I'll only have to replace my expensive electronic equipment.