

To whom it may concern,

I live in a small community of Mullen Nebraska population 400 plus. I have lived here for 50 years and in my early years we had 3 TV stations KNOP TV out of North Platte Nebraska, KDUH out of Scottsbluff Nebraska and Nebraska Public Television. We received signal by an antenna and only had reception on good days. Then we had cable installed in Mullen and started receiving several channels that included these local channels plus KHGI out of Kearney Nebraska.

Our local cable company can no longer afford to service our cable because of higher costs and sparse population. So basically our only choices are Dish TV or Direct TV which is fine. The problem is we no longer get our local channels or Nebraska Public Television they all come out of Denver Colorado over 300 miles away.

I am not sure how many households there are in Mullen but I am sure 90 to 95 percent of them now receive our local channels but we will not when cable is shut down. We rely on our local channels for information including school closings, road closings, weather threats, local happenings, sports almost everything. The Senior citizens in town are very upset that they will not get the local channels and most of them can not figure out how to do a filing so I am doing this for them also.

There are 2 counties to the West of us Grant and Arthur that will have the same situation as us in the near future as cable is shutting down there also.

I know we are not a large community but everyone is very frustrated that we will not be able to get any local news, weather or sports. Even though we are a small community hopefully we still count. Thank you for your time and I hope you can help us.

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