

I've lived in rural Alabama all my life, and for every one of the 70-plus years I've been on this earth, I'm proud to be from the country. There's just a different set of values and a much-better way of life for those of us privileged to be from the rural neck-of-the-woods. The one thing that galls me the most about being from here is the lack of technology advances, particularly when compared to larger cities. I have to use dial-up speeds, and my grandkids can't even do their homework on their iPads. What's the use of having an iPad if you're constantly dealing with poor connectivity? I've read about LightSquared and the efforts to bring a satellite and land-based network to our areas, and I think their business plan is wonderful and long over-due. On behalf of rural American, I beg you to approve whatever it is they want to do. My grandchildren deserve the same kind of access to technology that our city counterparts have. So do I.