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I have lived in this rural CA community for 16 years. I am a current subscriber of both RFD-TV and DirectTV (subject of another merger attempt). I am not opposed to either merger per se. However, I am opposed to any effort to exclude or under serve Rural America by communications and entertainment media. Currently RFD-TV is second ONLY to the network of PBS stations in supporting the rural population of this great country. With continuing cut backs in Federal funding of the PBS network, it seems prudent that when private enterprise steps up to this important responsibility at their expense, the government should not permit any mergers and acquisitions whose stated objectives are to further EXCLUDE coverage from the rural population of this great country.

Thank you for hearing me out on this important issue.

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