

To whom it may concern,

This is regards to the possible merging of Comcast and Time Warner Cable and the possible merging of AT&T and DIRECTV. If the mergers go thru the rural community will be losing a great source of information and entertainment as RFD-TV and Rural TV will not be available to them if they use these cable networks.

The RFD-TV and Rural TV channels are very informative to both the rural and urban communities. They have programs that cover the raising of crops from the planting to the table or for the usage of feeding the animals. They have programs that are informative also as to how the weather affects the farms and ranches. This is important

to the public as they need to understand that the groceries don't just magically appear on the store shelves. One can have a crop ready to harvest and be wiped out in minutes by a terrible hail storm and wind.

If the farmers and ranchers don't get very much rain it will affect the crops.

Drought affects the ranches also, which in turn affects the meat industry. There is a trickle down affect and the consumers are the last to be affected.

RFD-TV & Rural RV inform the public as to where the produce comes from whether it be the apples and other fruit from the northwest, Cotton in the south, the Georgia peaches and the grains throughout the country. Life on the farms and ranches is not an easy life but if it weren't for farmers and ranchers this country would have to be getting

all of our food along with everything that comes from the foreign countries. I personally don't want that. Enough comes from foreign countries I don't want to rely on all my food having to be foreign.

The dairy industry along with the poultry and swine industry are portrayed also. It covers the FFA (Future Farmers of America) convention. Not all members live on farms and ranches but they can still be members as there is more than just the actual farming and ranching to get our food to the stores. The public needs to understand the industries. There are religious programs and musical programs for the whole family. As well as rodeo programs and horse programs.

Please take note that the farming and ranching affects everyone and keeping these two channels on helps to entertain as well as inform both the rural and urban communities.

Sincerely,

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