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It seems that when decisions are made, it's people who have desks in cities that tend to make them. For most things, that's fine. But there is an issue that is coming up with this merger that is a bit different.

In recent years, an exemplary cable network has been broadcast that is directed to the rural areas of this country...RFD TV, presented by the Rural Media Group. I live in the city, but learning about rural life, the joys and challenges, is important information to me. And for the rural citizens, information like stock and crop reports can make a difference in all of our dinner tables.

It has become clear that as cable and satellite companies merge, programming like RFD TV is considered to be too 'rural' and are being phased out. In truth, in some markets, this programming is making a good showing, and drawing consistently substantial numbers. It's obvious that where offered, this programming is making a difference in the lives of the public, is helpful with the agriculture industry, and offers entertainment that is wholesome and family oriented.

I ask that the FCC does what they can to protect programming that may be considered 'niche' programming, but that citizens of the US come from cities and towns and from rural America as well. All those citizens should have a voice.