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Born in Chicago, raised in the suburbs, followed jobs to metro areas around the country, but when I could choose how to live at retirement, it was definitely rural. RFD-TV has helped me understand and converse intelligently with my rural neighbors and given me an appreciation for those who feed the nation. I have learned much from their programming and also enjoyed the down-home entertainment provided, whether country music, rodeos, information about other rural areas or their commercial-free Rose Bowl Parade coverage (where they actually let you hear the wonderful marching bands). Please assure that this important rural programming is protected in the proposed merger. IT MATTERS! Most of our TV watching centers around RFD-TV, and I would hate to see others deprived of the opportunity to watch, learn and enjoy.