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I am writing for my husband and myself supporting the continued broadcasting of the RFD-TV Network. For Comcast/Time Warner to say they target marketing to metropolitan markets completely disallows the union between rural and non-rural America.

Personal issues: My husband and I are both from rural backgrounds although we now live in rural mountain town. I am 63 and he is 72. We are both disabled and our only income is Social Security. RFD-TV is low cost / high value and provides a major portion of our entertainment. The programs on RFD-TV are a window to our past which we delight in sharing with our children, extended families and friends. The programs offer history and life lessons which no text book or televised program on any other channel provides. No where else can one find such a time machine back to our nation's agrarian roots. To us viewing RFD is happiness and joy.

RFD-TV has a very high standard for quality programming. There is no sex, violence, or bad language.

We also exercise our Constitutional First Amendment Rights to Freedom of Religion by watching several of the Religious programs offered only by RFD-TV such as Gai ther Gospel Hour, and Cowboy Church.

It is discriminatory against RFD-TV daily viewers, estimated to be over 50 million in the US, that Comcast/Time Warner may refuse to air RFD-TV Network. In contrast Comcast/Time Warner will air the Al Jazeera English TV, primarily Muslim news and programs pertaining to the Mid-east, which has an estimated daily viewership of only 13,000. (Ref. NY Post 11/17/2013)

RFD-TV is as critically important to rural and metropolitan citizens because programs and information available only on RFD-TV affects the availability, quality, and cost of food and other agricultural products purchased by US citizens and exported around the world. Communication is the key to sharing knowledge which supports high production and low cost.

RFD-TV is crucial to the agricultural community in providing: critical agricultural news alerts; real time, nation-wide livestock and machinery auctions; weather reports specific to crop production; agriculture-news; crop market reporting; programs on new technology and products related to agriculture and livestock production. RFD-TV has aired programs and discussions on US legislative issues and implementation of new Farm Bills and laws. Losing RFD-TV would be a hardship for everyone involved in agriculture in rural America.

In conclusion ? please make the merger of Comcast/Time Warner contingent upon continuing to broadcast the RFD-TV Network.

Thank you, Barb & Jake Baker