

I live in Springfield,VA, 15 miles from your office. I don't have digital cable and won't for years even though I live in the most prosperous county in the US. Why not - no competition so no rush to upgrade wiring even with harassment from county supervisors. No cable high speed internet and no phone company DSL either. So if I can't get digital here, what chance does my country cousin in NC have?

Satellite - the same option I use for digital TV. Trouble here is that service is limited by the licensed available bandwidth (cable companies don't have this problem)being divided by duplicating companies (Direct TV and Echostar). PLEASE ALLOW THIS MERGER - it cannot possibly be worse than what you're allowing the cable companies to get away with, including the massive consolidation being allowed in that industry. Don't let Rupert Murdoch (MR anti anything good for the consumer if it cost him a nickle,e.g., did you watch the Superbowl on HDTV? NO? Whose fault was that - Mr anti HDTV Murdoch - his network is the only one not supporting HDTV) and the broadcast industry stop this very useful combination of assets. I repeat PLEASE think of the consumer and support the merger.