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Several years ago the government decided to deny people the use of the old television signal. When they cut it off, I was thrown into the dark ages, I and many others can no longer have the luxury of seeing and hearing the 6 o’clock news and weather, or television of any sort without having to do contracts and the dish thing. I can’t even get dial up through the phone company here it’s not an option. It’s disgusting to say the least that I have to rely on AM/FM radio to get the weather forecast or world news. When the twin towers were hit I wouldn’t have known for days if the propane man delivering propane hadn’t told me.

The people in rural Missouri are disgusted, if you’re in the low ground or just plain can’t get the new TV signal we don’t know if we are under tornado warning, terrorist attack or God knows what, ignorant and in the dark, many of us low or fixed income can’t afford over $100 a month.
for TV and internet access. I am speaking for me + money friends + neighbors. I know one older gentleman half his heart dead with a pace maker, no TV since they cut the old signal, I know several people of the older generation that are plain 2-020 after a generation of free antenna TV refuse to pay to see the world news + local news. They are as put out as I am.

I have a computer in my house and no way to use it, yet. I have a tablet I can use at McDonald's 20 miles away.

For every letter you get like this one, I would estimate there are 20 to 50 others that feel the same as me but figure if there country can cut the old signal years ago leave millions in the dark, ignorant of what's going on in the world around them, when we are supposed to be at war with terrorists, and worried about terrorist attacks, they cut us off from the outside world, and the news. The nearest house to me is 1 mile away the next about
4 miles away. Wi-Fi I am told is good for about a quarter mile. The city people + younger people call us Dinosaurs because we don't use computers, are too dumb to know how because we can't hook them up and learn. Letters hand written like this are scorned as snail mail.

I hope someone reads this and understands how many frustrated snails like me are out here just trying to survive to.

I could go on and on and feel like it will do me as much good as throwing a bucket of water into a high-speed fan.

I took the time to write this letter and try in the hope that someday it might make things better for me and a whole lot of other people in my same predicament. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Sincerely,

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