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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing in behalf of your reconsidering the definition of "Household" for the government coupon distribution program for tv converters. I believe that the existing definition discriminates against a large portion of aging, law-biding citizens. Because of age or infirmity they are in situations identified as "group living." These persons are of limited mobility as well as income. They count on television to keep them in contact with the world as well as it being their source of entertainment.

I am in charge of a residence for 86 elderly religious, former teachers and health care professionals. There are some common spaces in the house but for the most part their rooms are where they spend a good part of the day. It could be defined as assisted living but these individuals do not have an independent income.

There are any number of group living residences where persons don't have their own mail box but are deserving of the help of the coupon program.

Thank you for planning to work at this "household" dilemma.

Sincerely,

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