



**HOMEOWNERS OF  
PORT CHARLOTTE VILLAGE, INC.**

**1000 KINGS HIGHWAY, UNIT 300  
PORT CHARLOTTE, FL. 33980**

To: FCC Federal Communications Commission  
From: Sue Willey HOA President of Port Charlotte Village,  
Ref: Banning bulk internet and television contracts  
Date: May 14, 2024

It is my understanding that the FCC is considering banning bulk services for HOA parks like Port Charlotte Village. Our over 55 park has 435 units and the residents of those homes would experience significant financial hardship if our HOA could no longer obtain bulk services. In an economy where everything is increasing, the ability to procure bulk services for our unit owners is imperative. Together, our park has significant buying power. Our numerical power is essential for leveraging our ability to negotiate for the best products and services at the best price. If the bulk service contracts are taken away or a resident can opt out of the bulk arrangement, I cannot imagine what will happen to our over 435 homeowners. Many of our residents are on a limited income and if they had to pay for services such as television and internet on their own, I'm sure many could not afford to do that. How tragic it would be for our homeowners to lose the buying power of our HOA for our park.

I'm interested in knowing why this is being considered. What has happened? Why would the FCC want to make life more difficult and expensive for our HOA and all our elderly residents? Our unit owners expect the HOA to negotiate bulk agreements. There is buying power in HOAs with significant numbers of units, and for the betterment of our senior citizens we should be allowed to negotiate better prices and service for our residents.

Port Charlotte Village recently made a change to our TV and internet service provider. The board considered two primary service providers and it was very beneficial to be able to negotiate with both companies. Those negotiations allowed our collective buying power to really maximize the benefits for our unit owners. Substantial discounts and improved customer service are two important benefits that our residents get to experience every day from negotiating bulk services.

It's a given fact that when you purchase the same item in larger quantities there are savings to be gained. Why then should HOAs and COAs lose their ability to use their collective bargaining power to negotiate bulk services which are affordable for our senior residents? Please think long and hard about the financial effect this change would have on millions of seniors. Things are tough enough for senior citizens today. Please do not take away this important negotiating ability for Port Charlotte Village and all the other HOAs and COAs.

Thank you!