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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
45 L St NE
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairperson
Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Nathan Simington

Commissioner Geoffrey Starks
Commissioner Anna M. Gomez

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

I am informed that our FCC Commission is evaluating whether to ban the ability of HOAs and COAs to negotiate bulk internet and television contracts, and I implore you, on behalf of our almost 3000 residents, not to do so. While this great country was built around the free enterprise system, in negotiating bulk contracts, we have a process beginning with an RFP from cable/internet providers and moving forward researching their services, testimonials from current users and other factors before making a recommendation to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

We are a 55 year and older community with many of our residents struggling to keep afloat. Due to the heavy increase in insurance and labor costs, our residents had sizeable increases in their maintenance payments, along with mandatory milestone inspections resulting from the disaster that occurred at the Champlain Towers in Miami, also contributing to sizable increases in fees.

Being unable to negotiate bulk rates will severely contribute to more increases because it will result in different providers being in a community but taking away the value of a free enterprise system. One might argue that this will contribute to more competition, however, banning the ability to negotiate bulk rates will contribute to negativity in the community.

Today, as president of our association, I am constantly reminded that our community members cannot afford higher costs. Many of them are put in a position to either refill their medication or being able to purchase food.

Before making such a decision, truly reflect on how such a ban will affect the majority of our residents. Perhaps, you can pretend that any of our residents can be your parent/grandparent, etc.

Very truly yours,

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