

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel The Honorable Brendan Carr The Honorable Geoffrey Starks The Honorable Nathan Simington The Honorable Anna Gomez Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street, NE Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel and Commissioners Carr, Starks, Simington, and Gomez:

On March 5, 2024, Chairwoman Rosenworcel proposed banning bulk billing arrangements in apartments, condominiums, public housing, and other multi-tenant buildings. We are concerned that this proposal would harm seniors, fixed-income individuals, and students who reside on the premises of these arrangements. Therefore, we request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) consider these factors when evaluating the Chairwoman's proposal.

In 2010, the FCC found that bulk billing arrangements "predominately benefit consumers."<sup>1</sup> We fear that the FCC will reverse this finding. However, we believe the FCC's prior decision is well-founded as it enables consumers, including seniors, fixed-income individuals, and students to aggregate their purchasing power. We also believe that providers are currently chosen in a competitive market, as organizations receive multiple bids from companies offering lower rates than those paid by individuals negotiating for service on their own. In addition, we have seen service providers invest upfront for all-fiber and other state-of-the-art infrastructure for the premises in question, often improving the quality of service available to consumers.

Again, we ask the FCC to consider these factors in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-10-35A1.pdf



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