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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to your request for comment on a proposed rule to prohibit private regulation of TV antennas of less than one meter in diameter. River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. opposes this proposed rule.

River Park is a Cooperative Housing development in Southwest Washington. It was built in the early 1960's and consists of two 8-story buildings, containing efficiencies, 1-and 2-bedroom units, and 134 townhouses. It is an award - winning complex designed by a renowned architect, Charles Goodwin. An important feature of his distinctive and distinguished architectural design is the carefully balanced and finely detailed design of the highrise and townhouse facades, which emphasize certain repeating patterns. To maintain the architect's concept, our members rules, for example, require uniform window coverings and limit the use of balconies.

More than most developments, River Park depends on the artfulness of its design as a selling point. Thus, aesthetic considerations are a vital concern in maintaining the value of the property. Aesthetics are of primary importance in protecting our investment and rank with health and safety as factors to take into account. Therefore, we urge you to modify your proposal to permit home owners associations to regulate the use of antennas where their installation would have a significant adverse effect on the value of the property.

Sincerely,  
*Lois I. Laster*  
Lois I. Laster, President  
Board of Directors

cc: Walter Hobby, Vice President  
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