

Reply comments to the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) “another industry forum”.

As a customer dealing with ugly side effects of exclusive and “bulk billing Agreements” I would like to respond NCTA.

In the argument that the FCC doesn't have the authority over PCO here is one. Sections 628(b), 628(j), and our ancillary jurisdiction provide ample bases for regulating these specific MVPDs. Moreover, Sections 4(i), 201(b), and 303(r) supply the Commission with strong authority to enforce the full scope of the Cable Act prohibition at issue.

It is disturbing to know this industry forums just want to make money by taking away our consumers rights. Now, the government is in need to use our taxpayer money to defend the Commission of this frivolous lawsuit.

I request, The Federal Communications Commission ban bulk billing agreements. I believe bulk billing agreements are attempts to bypass current telecommunications and antitrust laws. These corporations provide telecommunication services to a large number of customers using monopolies with prevailing service providers, under unregulated conditions, and with disregard to consumers' rights. Bulk billing agreements are worse than exclusivity contracts because bulk billing typically includes cable, internet and telephone at a premium price under the false pretense of getting a special price. The developer profits from the discount and the homeowners end up paying retail or worse. Bulk Billing arrangements are contrary to Congressional efforts to advance broadband technology in the United States. These agreements eliminate competition and telecommunication advances for the communities affected. Any company, regardless of industry sector (DENTISTS INCLUDED), that provides telecommunications or cable services, should be regulated.

No citizen of the United States of America, the land of the free, should be unconstitutionally bound to regressive contracts that fill the pockets of the rich and powerful. We are in need of action and can only hope we receive a speedy response. We should not have to review hundreds of pages of contracts or hire a lawyer to obtain or change telephone, cable or internet services.

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