

WC Docket number 18-155 regarding: Updating the Intercarrier Compensation Regime including conference calling services.

I want to thank you for granting us this freedom in the past and wish it could continue to be this way. I really find these conference lines inspirational and encouraging. It is a way to get your mind off of yourself and think of others, it is also a way to learn to know new friends, people from different communities. ~~If this service is eliminated~~, I fear the unity it has encouraged and ~~many~~ many other blessings will be lost. Please consider this that we could continue to enjoy this freedom.

As a taxpayer, and a free conference calling client, I ask you to please reconsider acting on WC Docket No. 18-155. My free conference calling services are currently at risk of being completely eliminated and costing me, millions of others and our businesses.

I am urging you to refrain from eliminating services that I and millions of other Americans use regularly.

Long-distance carriers will not be negatively affected, financially or otherwise, if free conference calling services are left alone. In fact, they stand to gain upwards of \$80 million.

However, if the FCC does decide to remove these services, I and millions of other American citizens and American businesses will be immediately and negatively affected. We will no longer be able to use these services for free and will instead be forced to pay for conferencing services provided by the long-distance carriers if we want to reach our non-profit organizations, our families, our churches, singing calls, news calls, prayer groups, support groups, board meetings, committee meetings, startups, schools, and global corporate communities and their families.

Widows and other lonely individuals are finding comfort in this type of free conference calling.

Do not take away my free conference calling services and further line the pockets of major long-distance carriers.

I ask the Federal Communication Commission to refrain from proceeding with its rulemaking in WC Docket No. 18-155.

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