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Jude A. Olinger (olinger@gnofn.org) writes:

Dear Mr. Kennard,

As a small business owner, I have been following ,with interest, over the past few days the news of a new "tax" being imposed by the FCC. This "tax" is disguised as an FCC mandate allowing payphone operators to charge \$0.30 for each toll free call placed from their payphones. I feel strongly that this "tax" is unfair and the decision of your agency should be reversed.

This type of "tax" is anti-competitive for small business users like myself. In todays "hi-tech" world communications are extremely important. By staying in touch with cutomers, clients, vendors, and others, a small company such as mine can more effectively compete with much larger companies with much more resources. Therefore, these charges will significantly increase the costs of doing business for small companies such as mine. Additionally, these charges also are not in the best interest of the American consumer.

These charges are exorbitant and unnecessary. Therefore, I ask that you and your commission repeal this tax immediately.

Regards,

Jude A. Olinger

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