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From: Nicolas Nowinski <nicknow@nicolasenterprises.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 2/7/98 4:16pm
Subject: 800 fee from payphone

How can you allow the pay phone operators to charge \$0.30 fee for 1-800 calls. This is not the purpose of 1-800 numbers. You will reduce the ability to use 1-800 numbers from payphones. The honest truth is that 1-800 calls from payphones are either very short calls or are designed to access phone cards. We have 1-800 numbers for a reason and you're destroying their purpose. You should be ashamed of what you are doing to communications in the United States of America.

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Quote of the day - "Never let the fear of striking out get in your way" - Babe Ruth.

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From: "Gregg M. Schoen" <gschoen@bu.edu>
To: "fccinfo@fcc.gov" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 2/7/98 7:03pm
Subject: Against Telecom Act of 1996

I am writing to express my displeasure with the Telecom Act of 1996, and how it relates to 800 Number Pay Phones. Clearly, this bill benefits only long distance companies and pay phone operators, while hurting consumers who use these services and calling cards. Companies are now passing their increased costs onto those who use calling cards or dial 800 numbers. In the worse instances, companies are no longer accepting 800 number calls from pay phones. Even if such a fee were necessary, thirty cents a call seems rather high, especially compared to the operator's costs to carry the call. I urge you to amend this faulty piece of legislation.

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