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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW; Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: "This is a public comment for WC Docket Number 12-375."

Dear Secretary Dortch:

My name is Rodney Derrickson. I am a prisoner at the State Correctional Institution at Forest, which is located in Marienville, Pennsylvania.

I am writing to speak out against the abusive, and unfair high prison phone rates that exploits prisoners and our families.

Currently it costs \$1.60 for a local (in-state call same area code). However, it costs \$5.15 to place calls outside of the local area codes in the same state (Pennsylvania). This practice is not fair and must end.

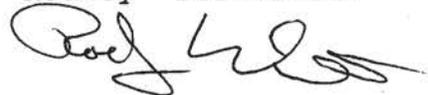
Fair telephone rates in prison would help keep families together. Telephone access is also important to the morale of the prisoner.

Research shows that a prisoner who has the support from relatives and friends readjust much better once he/she is released from prison.

It is respectfully recommended that the FCC order that in-state calls be capped at \$.05 cents per minute for debit and prepaid calls. The prison system in the state of New York, has phone rates capped at \$.05 cents a minute which I think would be fair if applied to all state prison phone rates.

Thank you for allowing me to give a comment on this matter of public importance.

Sincerely,
Rodney Derrickson



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