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Dear Secretary Dortch,

I recently read an article in the Prison Legal News regarding the FCC's investigation into the cost of intrastate phone rates I can't begin to thank you enough for this long awaited investigation I not only speak for myself but also for the thousands of men and women incarcerated around the state of Pennsylvania I live in Philadelphia and have been incarcerated since the inception of the debit cards and the exorbitant cost to call home One debit call to Philadelphia will cost me \$5 15, which is a decrease from the 5 45 from a little more than two years ago However, I can call Boston at a cost of \$3 35 These prices are for one fifteen minute call using the debit card It's unconscionable that it costs less to call further away from home while men/women from other states can call at a much cheaper price The model of the Department of Corrections is "Keeping and Strengthening Families", is a gross misrepresentation when EVERYTHING associated with costing a prisoner or his/her family is extremely over-priced and quite often unaffordable by the vast majority of Pennsylvania's inmate population

With nominal prison wages I sacrifice every month so that I'm able to call my son and cannot thank you and your constituents enough for addressing this very important matter

In closing, I'm available for answering any questions regarding this matter or compiling any information the FCC may need to further investigate this matter

Sincerely,

*Carl S. Daniels*

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