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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Dortch:

This is a public comment for WC Docket Number 12-375. I am a prisoner on death row here in Arizona, and the prison doesn't let me have a job in the prison. So, I must pay for my phone calls out of money that people send to me, which isn't very much, and is a substantial hardship for me.

The previous rate caps on interstate phone calls was a godsend, because I have some friends and family members who live out-of-state. A typical call to Michigan used to cost me almost ten dollars, and now with the rate caps costs only between three and four dollars.

However, the cost of intrastate calls is still outrageous! Most of my family members that I call at least once per week live in Tucson, AZ — only 100-150 miles from here — and I'm charged $5.99 to make a 15-minute call to them! Why do I have to pay six dollars to call someone who lives 100-150 miles away, and only three-four dollars to call someone who lives on the other side of the continent?! So, please have the FCC put a rate cap on intrastate calls as well and stop Securus + the ADC from the current price-gouging of poor prisoners and their families. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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