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Dear Secretary Dortch,

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

"I would just like to thank you DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL made a ruling to cap interstate long distance calls. It used to cost between $9.00 and 25.00 to call out of state, so I couldn't afford to call my 90 year old Aunt, in New Mexico. Now it costs me $3.15 plus .50¢ tax (= total $3.65) to call her thru Securus phones here in my unit. I had not talked to my aunt in almost 30 years until this change, and I thank the FCC for making it affordable.

Also, I would like to ask you to consider reducing intrastate calls. Currently, it costs $1.80 for the first minute, and .20¢ for each additional minute, plus tax (TOTAL $4.97 per 15 min call) to call my 88 yr. old mother who lives in Arizona, which is an in-state call. (Some in-state calls are even higher in AZ, too). I rarely get visits from my mom who is elderly, so the phone calls are very important to keeping strong family ties. Your help in lowering in-state (intrastate) calls would impact many many lives for inmate families, as well as inmates, and this can strengthen positive changes in peoples lives.

Thank you for all you've done already, and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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