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Re: WC Docket No. 12-375
Comments re Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ¶¶ 145-151,
video visitation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached please find a Prison Policy Initiative report, to be released tomorrow, *Screening out family time: The for-profit video visitation industry in prisons and jails*. This report provides what has before now been entirely lacking: a comprehensive national survey of the video visitation industry starting at its promised benefits and continuing through how it works in the real world.

In the report, we make 5 recommendations for the Federal Communications Commission, and 17 other recommendations for state regulators, legislators, correctional facilities, and the companies, all with an eye towards making video visitation into a positive, rather than negative, communication option.

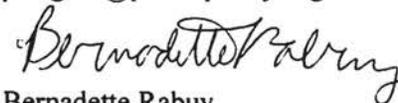
The report also includes 29 exhibits of evidence, but problems with the FCC website are making uploading difficult, so we will post these documents on our website at <http://www.prisonpolicy.org/visitation/> shortly.

We urge the FCC to address the video visitation industry immediately after publishing regulations on in-state phone rates and ancillary fees in the prison and jail telephone market.

Sincerely,



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