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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Florida Sheriffs Association Comment on Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services -
Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WC Docket No. 12-375)

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in support of the comment submitted on January 9 by the Florida Sheriffs Commission in response to the FCC's *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services (ICS)* (WC Docket No. 12-375), issued on October 22, 2014. It is clear that this is an issue that has the potential to adversely impact the office of Sheriff and the performance of Sheriffs' duties across the country.

I am greatly concerned that the FCC is considering unrealistically low rate caps that limit the ability of ICS providers to recover costs of administering services in smaller, higher cost facilities. It is important to realize that jail sizes vary greatly and each must consider their budgets in vastly different ways than prisons. If the FCC implements a "one-size-fits-all" approach to ICS, many jails may be forced to severely limit or altogether eliminate inmate telephone privileges. In addition, low rate caps and no means for cost recovery would prohibit jails from properly securing and monitoring ICS. Jails must be allowed to recover these costs in order to secure their jail and prevent future crimes and the harassment of victims and witnesses.

Because of the potential impact this may have on Sheriffs across the country, I would greatly appreciate that further updates on this issue be sent to our office.

Sincerely,



CARLOS CURBELO
Member of Congress

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