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**By ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Members of the FCC,

As former or active Correctional Professionals, we urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use its clear authority to reduce the burden on people incarcerated and their families to remain in touch through phones by lowering rates as much as possible.

Also, based on our experience, strong ties between people incarcerated and their families reduce recidivism, which will reduce expenses of jails and prisons.

Respectfully,

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