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Federal Communications Commission
Washington District of Columbia

Re: 12-375 -- Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Service

I am a board-certified Preventive Medicine physician. I worked for more than twenty years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta GA.

I urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to comprehensively regulate the provision of phone and video communication services to prison and jail inmates. The Prison Policy Initiative has extensively documented how private companies provide these services to inmates at exorbitantly high prices and pay prison and jail authorities for exclusive contracts that allow them to have multiple ways that they unfairly gouge prisoners and their families.

The FCC can right these wrongs with comprehensive regulation of that cover all local, intra-state, and interstate telecommunication services for inmates and prisoners.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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