



Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: **Ex Parte Communication; WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services** FCC Mail Room

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office hereby joins the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) and other Sheriffs who have filed an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. This letter contains examples of how this decision would have negative impacts on not just Sheriff's Office budgets, but on the services we provide to our communities as a whole. This filing provides information in support of the NSA's position that Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

If we are not able to recover our costs, we will be forced to consider the costs of allowing ICS as competing for funds with other budget and program priorities in our jail. For the Coconino County Sheriff's Office jail, this also means possibly taking away funds from meaningful drug and alcohol rehabilitation services and life skills classes offered to inmates that have been proven to reduce recidivism. We use ICS cost recovery fees not only to provide the communication services to inmates and their families but also to fund the above mentioned programs that directly benefit inmates and the community. If ICS or these programs become underfunded because cost recovery is taken away from Sheriff's, the end results are negative impacts on inmates, their families, and the community.

Without recovery of ICS fees, we simply cannot continue to provide the communication services at the technological levels society has come to expect. Furthermore, it ties the hands of agencies that are trying to respond proactively to the nationwide call for reform in the criminal justice system and overcrowded jails. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to ensure that there is adequate funding to ensure safe, secure and proper treatment of people in custody in jails. Our agency and community have already invested significant philosophical, collaborative and monetary resources into both communication and rehabilitation programs. The benefit of allowing the Coconino County Sheriff's Office to recover ICS costs is not only to provide appropriate communication services to inmates and their families, but also to support inmate programs that tackle the very root causes of recidivism that affect our communities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Pribil, Sheriff

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