

Dear Commissioners:

Stop hidden phone fees so I can truly compare prices of phone services. I support the petition filed by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates and endorsed by other consumer advocacy organizations. CG Docket No. 04-208, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, is long overdue.

Phone bills should be truthful and easy to understand.

Because I am a single parent, trying to make a living at a job that does not get a wage increase, such as Congress has given themselves for the past 7 out of 9 times, let alone a minimum wage increase. Therefore, I need to save every single penny I can get my hands on, or I do not make it at all! I "think", it is still my legal right to know what the "fine print" means, when I'm paying for a service.

More of my phone bill is for assorted taxes and fees to places like the "FCC", than I have in actual usage charges.

**I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS GETTING HOW MUCH OUT OF MY POCKETS AND WHAT FOR! WOULDN'T YOU?**

Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. These add-ons make the advertised price of service significantly less than the amount of the check I have to write each month to pay the bill.

Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices when shopping for service.

Many states are stepping up to address this problem. They should be allowed to proceed. However, the FCC shouldn't shirk its responsibility, nor limit states from doing more.

The FCC should immediately grant the NASUCA petition to investigate billing practices, and prohibit phone and wireless companies from imposing separate monthly fees, line items or surcharges unless expressly mandated by law or the charge is expressly authorized by a governmental

authority.