

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write to you in support of the Petitioners Martha Wright, et al. ("Petitioners") and their proposal to establish benchmark rates for long distance prison inmate calling services. I am concerned with this issue because I have a wife incarcerated in Maine. The cost of the telephone calls are excessive and severely limit the amount of contact with my loved one. I currently have spend over \$5,500.00 in last 10 months just for Correctional Billin Services access for her to call me for only 15 minutes per call at a cost of \$5.70 for those 15 minutes. It has averaged to be as much and sometimes more than my own home mortgage.

If the rates for the phone calls were capped, I could more easily afford to talk with my wife. These calls help keep our family connected and is key to our marriage and allows her to havesome connection to the outside world and cordinate re-entry.

I urge the Commission to grant the relief requested in Petitioners' Alternative Proposal for Rulemaking. At least create a incentive for better and more competition open to other companies.