

I am tired of cell phone providers locking me into long-term contracts with costly early termination fees. I urge you to give consumers a more powerful marketplace and limit these exorbitant early termination fees -- but not at the expense of my legal right to sue wireless companies for potentially illegal behavior.

A teenaged driver in a world where the help of "strangers" isn't always the blessing it had been in the past drove my decision to purchase wireless service. Lack of availability of public phones has also become an issue.

I think the wireless outlets and providers need to make non-contract service availability and cost information as prevalent as contract information. If they did that, it would be easier for me to believe that those early termination fees are necessary to cover costs. The way it is now, it feels like you need to be an expert in law and wireless service, to have use of a telephone or to feel certain that you are only being asked to pay for charges that are legal. Some of what has happened reminds me of the days of phone companies changing your long distance service without you requesting that they do so.

Please rein in these excessive early termination fees, or at the very least put them on a reduce-them-as-the-time-left-on-the-contract reduces so I can fully utilize the power of business competition to get the cell phone service I want at a fair price.

I urge you to not give away consumers' rights to take wireless companies to court for potentially ILLEGAL fees. That sounds tantamount to me of playing let's-make-a-deal with felons by agreeing not to prosecute if they smile at the judge.

RULE OF LAW is why we could have a president placed into office by the Supreme Court without a civil war breaking out. While I disagree with appointed presidents, I also realize that rule of law kept the peace and is the foundation of problem solving and prevention in our country.

If the fees aren't legal they can easily avoid litigation by running their business legally. Special treatment should not be a necessary exchange for legal and fair treatment of consumers.

Thank you for keeping the cell phone companies "honest" while protecting customers' rights.