

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary   
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12Th Street, S W  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Wright Alternative Rulemaking Proposal, Docket 96-128**

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**Dear Secretary Dortch,**

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We all know that All Corporate Correctional Facilities, have been allowed to prosper off the backs of prisoners and their families, nationwide in paying enormous collect call rates, this practice in the private correctional facilities along with state prisons, county jails and juveniles, need to be halted immediately, from further exploitation of prisoner families, not just the 3 private prisons.

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The hard working families of prisoners have been paying top dollar, for inmate calls. In California, only collect calls can be made, from all lock up facilities, this is the most expensive way to call. The rates are enormously high, the service is terrible, it has become another dysfunctional entity~~ because of their monopoly over the people and their secured contracts with all lock up facilities, so they perform with less courtesy and accuracy.

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The forced consumer is not getting the service or the best rates possible, instead, "We The People" are being exploited, by corporate greed and corruption, this should not be allowed to continue, this entity needs to be put in "Check" !!

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I ask that you recognize, this major problem, which is grossly impacting all inmate families. The poor cannot visit, so they depend on phone communications with their loved ones. Collect Calls are becoming more expensive than a planned trip to visit loved ones.

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The elderly family senior citizen members cannot travel to visit, so they too, need phone service communications, BUT fair and affordable common sense rates.

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The commissions prisons receive should, be cut in half, and pass that savings on to the forced consumers. The phone companies rates should also, be reduced to sane levels.

- When my son was sent to prison, he left behind 6 young sons, a wide family & friends circle.

- My bill every month ran me \$500.00 a month, so his little sons, could talk with their father, this was the children's therapy, so I let them talk until their hearts where satisfied, for their healing, as well as for my sons rehabilitation healing.

Majority of prisons lack rehabilitation, therefore this is the only proved rehabilitation that does work, but at these exuberant rates, that continually punish the families financially ???

- I worked for Pac Bell for 30 years, and retired, only to give up half my pension check, for these outrageous collect calls, since 1992. Now that the children have grown, they no longer depend on me, to help them connect with their father, so my phone bill has reduced.

- I can only imagine what the poor families, must go through, no wonder there are so many prison families, who need to live with friends & other relatives, some are homeless living in shelters

- Prison Families make major sacrifices to keep the phone lines of communication flowing, which bankrupts them, because the rates are over the top !!

- The "commissions" paid to correctional facilities are **(as high as 60%)** **which** drive the cost of prisoner phone calls to **gross** levels, needs to be revisited for balance and special discounted rates to be applied.

- The Federal Communications Commission has the important authority needed to accomplish this change, for all inter-state and intra-state rate charges.

- I feel as a taxpayer, it is your responsibility to seek a remedy to this endless injustice.

- Your most **immediate** action is required, and certainly most appreciated~~

- Thank You Sincerely,

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Blessings & Love 2U~Alexis

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