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Marlene H. Dortch  
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Re: WC Docket No. 09-144, In the Matter of Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a captain in charge of operating a secure jail, I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

Companies that take calls away from our jail and route them to unknown destinations, which Securus calls "call diversion," are a real security threat. These schemes can endanger lives. Our County cannot allow this activity to go on, and as I understand it, the only way to ensure that calls are not stolen this way is to block calls from being dialed to the local numbers that are being used in these schemes.

As I understand it, blocking inmate calls to these local numbers is no different than blocking access to 1-800-COLLECT. Any service provider that allows an inmate to get outside the security features of inmate phones presents a danger to public safety, and we have always requested that inmates be barred from using such services. Call diversion is just another form of circumventing the system.

The Securus Petition should be granted so that I, and other correctional authorities, can get back control over the calls that inmates place. We have to know where inmate calls are going and prevent inmates from calling protected persons. Schemes that try to mask call destinations must therefore be stopped. Please allow Securus and the other inmate phone providers to prevent these fraudulent schemes and to continue to provide the safe and secure service that we need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
James N. Richards  
Wayne County Sheriff's Office

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Re: WC Docket No. 09-144, In the Matter of Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Information Services overseeing the inmate telephone system at the Bristol County Sheriff's Office, I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

Companies that take calls away from our jail and route them to unknown destinations, which Securus calls "call diversion," are a real security threat. These schemes can endanger lives. Our County cannot allow this activity to go on, and as I understand it, the only way to ensure that calls are not stolen this way is to block calls from being dialed to the local numbers that are being used in these schemes.

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Actually, call diversion is much worse. These companies operate "underground" – they do not bid on contracts, they do not announce themselves to us as a service provider, and the local numbers they give out are not registered. I do not understand why companies like this are permitted to provide phone service.

The Securus Petition should be granted so that I, and other correctional authorities, can get back control over the calls that inmates place. We have to know where inmate calls are going and prevent inmates from calling protected persons. Schemes that try to mask call destinations must therefore be stopped. Please allow Securus and the other inmate

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phone providers to prevent these fraudulent schemes and to continue to provide the safe and secure service that we need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne H. Genereux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne H. Genereux  
ADS/Information Services  
Bristol County Sheriff's Office

cc: Ms. Trisha Kelty-Auger  
Territory Manager  
Securus Technologies, Inc.

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a jail director in charge of operating a large secure jail, I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

Companies that take calls away from our jail and route them to unknown destinations, which Securus calls "call diversion," are a real security threat. These schemes can endanger lives. Crime victims frequently place "blocks" on their phone at the jail so that perpetrators cannot bother them. Call diversion circumvents our security and call black system. Our jail cannot allow this activity to go on.

As I understand it, blocking inmate calls to these local numbers is no different than blocking access to 1-800-COLLECT. Any service provider that allows an inmate to get outside the security features of inmate phones presents a danger to public safety; and we have always requested that inmates be barred from using such services. Call diversion is just another form of circumventing the system.

Actually, call diversion is much worse. These companies operate "underground" – they do not bid on contracts, they do not announce themselves to us as a service provider, and the local numbers they give out are not registered. In my opinion this is an opportunity to deal in drugs, extortion, phone harassment or solicitation or murder.

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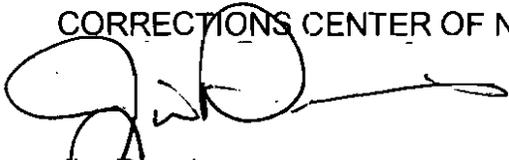
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CORRECTIONS CENTER OF NORTHWEST OHIO



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Executive Director

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lt. John Allen  
Allen County Sheriff's Office

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