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

Dear Ms. Dortch:
As a Sheriff 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.

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 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,

Thomas J. Grills, Sheriff

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
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Dave Phalen, Sheriff

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio 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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Phalen
Fairfield County Sheriff

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the Director that is responsible for the management and operations of a community-based correctional facility (CBCF), I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

Companies that take calls away from the CBCF and route them to unknown destinations, which Securus calls "call diversion," are a real security threat. These schemes can endanger lives. Our facility 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 resident calls to these local numbers is no different than blocking access to 1-800-COLLECT. Any service provider that allows a resident to get outside the security features of resident phones presents a danger to public safety, and we have always requested that residents 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 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 maintain control over the calls that residents place. We have to know where resident calls are going. Schemes that try to mask call destinations must be stopped. Please allow Securus and the other resident 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,

Granville Bud Potter, Director
Franklin County
Community Based Correctional Facility

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a Captain/Jail Administrator 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.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Capt R. Gibson

Capt. R. Gibson
Jail Administrator

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Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

REFERENCE: WC DOCKET NO. 09-144
IN THE MATTER OF SECURUS PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING

Dear Ms. Dortch,

As Sheriff of Scioto County, Ohio and being the individual who is statutorily obligated to operate the Scioto County Jail in a safe and secured manner, I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

The Scioto County Sheriff's Office currently uses the services of Securus for the purposes of providing the Scioto County Jail with "secured" inmate access to telephone services. Companies who participate in rerouting calls from our jail and route them to unknown destinations, which Securus calls "call diversion," are a real security threat not only to facility but more importantly to the community I serve! These schemes can and will undoubtedly endanger lives! As an elected official of my community who represents all who reside in Scioto County, I 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 these 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 access beyond the security features of our inmate phone system clearly 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.

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I personally and professionally feel that the Securus Petition should be granted so that I, and other correctional authorities, can regain back the level of security and control we once had over phone calls inmates place from our facilities. 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. I would respectfully request that Securus and the other inmate phone providers be allowed to prevent these fraudulent schemes and to continue to provide the safe and secure service that we need.

Respectfully,

Marty V. Donini, Sheriff

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harvey Pelfrey, Administrator
Lee County, KY