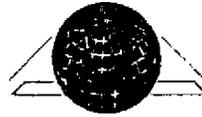


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Re: WC Docket No. 09-144, In the Matter of Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling

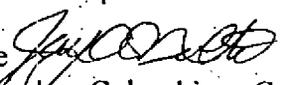
As an Assistant Warden in charge of operating a Full Service and Minimum Security Jail, I would like to submit this letter in support of the Securus Petition for Declaratory Ruling.

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 can not be diverted 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 phone systems 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 to prevent inmates from calling protected persons; arrange attempts to introduce contraband into the facility or intimidate witness which are just some of the schemes that inmates try by using mask call destinations. Therefore we are obligate to stop them for community and staff safety; persevering the law to the highest standards. Please allows 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,
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