This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

6.21.12

CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN OVER THE EXORBITANT COSTS OF TELEPHONE CALLS HERE IN THE V.A. D.O.C. I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR 17 YRS. AND HAVE LOST NUMEROUS CONNECTIONS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS BEHIND THE INABILITY TO AFFORD THE PHONE CALLS. THEY HAVE HAD TO PAY ANYWHERE BETWEEN $1.00 AND $15.00 FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE CALL. THIS HAS BEEN A BURDEN THAT MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY HAVE HAD TO CARRY. I HAVE FIFTEEN NUMBERS ON MY CALL LIST BUT CAN ONLY USE ONE REGULARLY. THIS IS NOT ONLY UNFAIR TO THOSE ACCEPTING THE CALLS IT IS UNNECESSARY. IT ONLY DISRUPTS FAMILY TIES IN A SYSTEM THAT CLAIMS TO WANT TO STRENGTHEN THEM. THERE IS IRREVOCABLE HARM BEING DONE TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE NO OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO THE COSTS TO TALK TO THEIR LOVED ONES.

THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF EXTORTION BY THE PRISON SYSTEM. PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS AND FIND US SOME RELIEF.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

PAUL TREVOR ASBY #1167657
SUSSEX II STATE PRISON
24427 MUSSELWHITE DR
WAVERLY VA 23891

DATE: 6-25-12 This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket # 96-128)

TO: CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

FROM: MR. LEETREL T. MYLES

SUBJECT: "HIGH COST OF PRISONER CALLS"

DEAR, CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI

THE ONLY OUTSIDE SUPPORT SYSTEM I HAVE IS MY MOTHER WHO LIVES IN HAMPTON ROADS, VIRGINIA. BUT UNLESS I'M WITHIN THAT 757 AREA CODE REGION... MY PHONE CALLS HOME CAN BE IN EXCESS OF $7.00. IN FACT MY NUMBER IS BLOCKED RIGHT NOW FOR A BILLING ISSUE. BUT IF I'M IN THAT 757 REGION, THE CALLS ARE ONLY $1.00!!! PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS FOR ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVEINCE..

THANK YOU,

MR. Leetrel T. Myles

S.II.S.P.

Waverly, VA

June 25, 2012 This is a public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128)

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communication Commission

From: John Yeoman-El
Subject: "High Cost of prisoner Calls"

Dear, Chairman Genachowski

I am writing on behalf of the cost of phone calls & the irate prices. The calls for prisoners are doubled & sometimes trippled the average of a regular long distance call. The rates are growing with each minute & I am humbly asking if you could look into this matter & see that something is done.

Thank You, John Yeoman-El

S.II.S.P.

Waverly, VA.

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Date: CHAIRMAN Julius GENACHOWSKI

FEDERAL Communication Commission

FROM: R. LIGHTFOOT 1026877

SUBJECT: HIGH COST OF PRISONERS CALLS

DEAR: CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI

I'M WRITING YOU TO INFORM YOU THAT THE OUTTER STATE CALLS TO MY FAMILY IN MD ARE VERY HIGH. NO MATTER WHAT TIME OF DAY IT IS ITS OVER $10.00 SO PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS MATTER TO ASURE THAT THE BILL IS CORRECT.

Thank You, R. Lightfoot 1026877

24427 Musselwhite Drive

S.II.S.P.

Waverly, VA. 23891

This is a public Comment for the Wright Petition
(cc Docket # 96-128)

DATE: 6/24/12
TO: CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
FROM: MR. JOVAN HASKELL
SUBJECT: "HIGH COST OF PRISONERS CALLS"

DEAR, CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI;

I'm formulating this concern unto you, because I feel this issue of having to succumb to the "High PRICED PHONE CALLS" is very detrimental to the interaction I'm very tenacious about when it comes to my FAMILY &

Unfortunately, I WAS sentenced to 43 yrs & the very thing I have to keep me afloat is that Loving support I'm fortunate to have when it comes to my family; but these outrageous PRICES (per call) is extremely overwhelming & I trust you empathize with the plight of us prisoners to the extent, you can influence for manageable prices to exist so we can alleviate the strain of this blight &

THANK you DEARLY,
JOVAN HASKELL 1039651
SSSP
2427 Russelwhite Dr.
Waverly, Va. 23891

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

Friday 6-29-12

Mr Genachowski,

First of all thanks for taking the initiative to help the prison population with this matter. I'm not from VA All my loved one's are in S.C. and Florida. It costs me 17.80 to call Florida. I've never called S.C because my cousin (Sheila Blackston) can't afford to set up the phone service required for me to reach her. It's been this way for some time. She has stated over and over that if it were cheaper she would be able to receive at least one or two calls per month.

There's alot of men in here who has no-one to assist them with outside support and who can call Richmond and complain about stuff. So, again thanks and please continue to help the men and women across the U.S. and things will get better.

Sincerely

Adam Blair

S.V.S.P.
24427 Musselwhite Dr.
Waverly, VA. 23891

This is a public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128)
JUNE 2012

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Dale Pughsley #1108900 and I am a prisoner at Sussex II State Prison in Waverly Co. Virginia. I've been in prison for nearly Fifteen years and I've been subjected to the exorbitant phone rates of private co. phone contracts the entire time. Here in Virginia if your call is local then it's a one(1) dollar flat rate. However if you're one(1) mile outside of that then your calls cost go up to ($7.00) Seven dollars. Moreover, if your family is out of state your calls rate begins at $11.00 a call and increases the farther away the State is that you're calling. The private Co. that's contracted by the V.A. D.O.C. is "Global Tel". They are sharks! To ensure that they get every penny they limit credit calls to a $50 minimum. Yet, if you set up a prepaid Debit account you can call all that you want. This legal extortion scheme impacts the relationships of prisoners and their families who are unable to hold up the cost of maintaining a strong line of communication with their incarcerated loved ones. Keep in mind that phone calls last (20) TWENTY minutes. The privatization of many prison services has led to poorer services and contributed to a more 'ANTI-SOCIAL' attitude among prisoners who in most case will be released. This seemingly minor problem actually carries significant consequences and needs to be stopped. Thank you for attemping to correct this wrong.

SINCERELY

Dale Pughsley

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA

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(cc Docket #96-128)

Julius Genachowski,

I HAVE BEEN HOUSED BETWEEN SUSSEX 1 & SUSSEX 2 STATE PRISONS SINCE DECEMBER 2005. BEING HERE AT SUSSEX 2 PUTS ME APPROXIMATELY 57 MINUTES FROM MY HOME, YET MY PHONE CALLS ARE $7.46 PER CALL. THIS PRICE FOR 1 CALL IS PAST EXTREME IN ANY ECONOMY. MY FAMILY TRIED REASONING WITH THE PHONE COMPANY THAT THE PRISONS GO THROUGH (GLOBAL TEL LINK) THERE ONLY SOLUTION WAS DROP THEIR (FAMILY) CURRENT PHONE PROVIDER AND JOIN THEM WHICH IS WAY MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THE THINGS THAT MY FAMILY USE IN THEIR CURRENT PHONE COMPANY. WHEN MY FAMILY REFUSED, THEY (Global Tel Link) BLOCKED MY CALLS ALL TOGETHER.

Thank you for STRIVING TO AIDE and assist in this struggle.

Dwayne L. Hoffler #1034192
SUSSEX 2 STATE PRISON
24427 MOSSEL WHITE RD.
WAVERLY, VA 23891

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(CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Hello: I'm Writing You To Comment on The Difficulty of using The Telephone due To The Inflated Cost, This Problem has made Phone Calls A Foreign Activity I Haven't Called my Mother in over 2 years Because She can't Afford To Accept The Call and Being That over 51% of The Prison Population will Always be unemployed, I can't call Because I'm a part of That Percentage and Jobs aren't Easy To get. Something has To be done About making Communication more Affordable There's No greater Hurt Than NEVER being able To Call Your Mother or Your Children on Birthdays / Holidays. Thank you for Reading.

Respectfully,

Joseph Perzoff
#1096652

Sussex II State Prison
24427 Musselwhite Dr.
Waverly, VA 23891-2222

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

24JUN12

To: Chairman Julius Genachaski
From: MarQui Clardy #1404630
Sussex II State Prison

This letter is in reference to the high cost of phone services in prison. Speaking from my own personal experience, I'm forced to pay over seven dollars to call my family. (That's seven dollars PER CALL!!) My family can't afford this, and neither can I. Family support plays a big role in our rehabilitation and correction. Hearing from our loved-ones gives us a sense of purpose, and a reason to work toward making it back home to them. However, these expensive phone service prices creates a "barrier" between us and our families, which is counter-productive to our growth. So please help make these phone services more affordable for us. Thank you.

Sincerely,
MarQui Clardy #1404630

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket # 96-128)

6-24-12

To: Chairman, Julius Genachowski;
from: Sean Chapman # 1203464 SIISP

I write to you in hopes that it will bring a little more insight from a victim of excessive price gouging. I have family members that I havent talked with in over seven years that live in this same state but away. Because of the cost of the phone system in this state, we need so bad to have any relationship to family friends and dependence. Everyday this stress of confinement builds on us and this would elevate so much if you or anyone you are in touch with can address this situation. Thank you so much for your time.

Sean Chapman

S. II. S. P.
Waverly, VA.

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (ccDocket #96-128)

July 25, 2012

To: Chairman Julius Genachoski Federal Communication Commison

From: Shawn L. Smith

Subject: "High cost of prison calls"

Dear, Chairman Genachoski;

I am writing in regards to the inmate phone system, here at Sussex II State Prison. And of what I feel to be outrageous pricing/cost of funds to be paid while calling certain cites. As a member who uses your phone service frequently, I feel that $7.00 is entirely too much just to call to Norfolk. Also it makes it hard for my family who sadly is not as fonacally secure, to maintain paying the bill because of your step prices. So, in closing I humbly ask that you find it in your person to readjust your prices to a more reasonable standard thank you.

Sincerely;
Mr. Shawn Smith

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

6-25-12 This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

To: CHAIRMAN GENACHAWSKI
"FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION"

FROM: JOE A. LEFTWICH

SUBJECT: "HIGH COST OF PRISONER CALLS"

DEAR, Chairman Genachowski

ONE PHONE CALL COAST $7.50 FROM WAVERLY VA. TO DANVILLE VA. SO THEREFORE I CAN only talk to my family twice a month. THIS IS MY 1ST AMENDMENT Right To express my complainit through the Media, Institution OR Press.

Thank you: Joe A. Leftwich

S.I.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

Date: 2/ /12 This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket # 96-128

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission

From: J. Johnson 1390015-392315

Subject: High Cost of Prisoner Calls

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I receive very little assistance from the street & jobs are given sparingly at Sussex II State Prison. I live a hour & thirty minutes away from this facility & my phone calls are over $7.00 per call. I can't afford to call home at that rate. I write this missive because it is my 1st Amendment Right to express my complaint through the Media, Institution, or press.

Thank You,

Jameson Johnson

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

Date: 6/29/12

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
(Federal Communications Commission)

From: Clavin A. White, Jr., #1034395

Subject: "High Cost of Prisoner Calls"

Dear, Chairman Genachowski

My reason for writing you is concerning the over pricing for phone call here in the Virginia Prison System. Which are more for some and less for other (for Example) My Family lives in the tidewater area (area code 757) and it cost me $7.00 dollars a phone call but a inmate that lives in Richmond which is a hour away (area code 804) only has to pay $.90 which is $6.10 less thats unfair. The only way a Virginia inmate receives fair phone rates is if he has a (804 area code) out side of that he is over price. My research found that based on data from 2007-2008, 42 states receive kick backs or other payments from prison phone service companies, averaging 41.9% of gross revenue from prison phone calls, which generate over $152 million per year in comission payments. In Febrary 2011, the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) entered into a phone contract with Pubic Communications Services, Inc. (PCS), which is owned by Global Tel*Link - the nation's largest prison telecommunications company. Michigan is one of only 8 states that do not accept commission kick backs. I would really Appreciate it if you could look in this matter...

Sincerely yours,
Clavin A. White, Jr.

S.I.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

Date June 24, 20012
To Julius Genachowski
Federal communications Commission
From Lamont T Walton 1164245
Subject: High cost of prison calls.
I am currently an incarcerated man at Sussex II state prison. My letter to you is based on the high rate phone calls my family isnt in the virsinia district so therefore my calls range from $7.50 to 1625 Please prepare an investisation upon the matter at hand.

Thank you

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-121

6-24-12

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
"Federal Commication Commission"

Dear,

Mr. Genachowski im writting in regard to this "Global Tel Link" phone service here at Sussex II State Prison. Dealing with this phone service it makes it hard to call out due to the fact, that the area im calling to is 757 which makes my calls $7.00 a call. Being that the cost of these calls are so high I can barely reach out to my family because $7.00 a call for 20 minutes isnt reasonable for their money. It should be some type of phone system were for us guys who are paying this abusive price can buy additional phone minutes at one rate. As of right now these phone calls are to high an it would be appreciative if you could look into this phone situation.

Sincerely
Mr. Riddick

S.II.S.P.
24427 Musselwhite Drive
Waverly, VA. 23891

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc Docket #96-128)

Dear, Chairman Julius Genuchowski

This is a public comment for the wright petition (CC Docket #96-128). I'm think that it is wrong for me and others like me in the DOC to have to pay blown up prices to try to contact our family I live 55 minutes away in the 757 area code yet I have to pay $7.40 for a call home when I have No I can not ask family for help because the telephone company getting all the money. I appreciate being added to this petition.

Thankyou

Clinton A. Williams #1072129
Sussex II State Prison
24427 Musselwhite Drive
Waverly, Va. 23891

Clinton A Williams

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition

(CC Docket #96-128)

Mr. Genachowski,

When my fiancee gave me her land line number to call. I put it on my phone list. It was approved and the first month was okay. Then Global Tel contacted her and said she had to do a collect call contract with them or I wouldnt be able to call collect.

After she set up the contract for collect calls with Global Tel. Which included the stipulation that they get paid for the collect calls. They also stated that I could only call a limit of 100 calls. Then she would have to pay Global Tel for the collect calls. This causes her to have two seperate phone bills. If she do not pay the collect call bill for global Tel by its due date. The collect call limit drop to 50 limited calls. Each time she miss a due date the limit drops. If it drop to 0, she have to pre-pay in order for me to call collect.

The inconvenience of this is a problem in her budget schedule with her own phone company. The bill due date for her phone company is different than Global Tel collect call bill due date. So she have to pay two different bills at two different times in the month. For the same phone usage of time. Global Tel is regulating her access to collect calls from me. Instead of one monthly phone bill she is paying two. This block any deal she can make with her own phone service as its a business phone line service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honorable Robert Green # 1181751

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Sussex II State Prison
24427 Musslewhite Dr
Waverly, VA 23891

*This is a public comment for the "Wright Petition" (CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

My name is Lester B. Lynch, Jr., and I'm a prisoner, currently residing at Sussexx II State Prison, and before transferring here, I was at Wallens Ridge State Prison, in Big Stone Gap, Va. I'm a native of Norfolk, Va., where all my family resides (Tidewater area), and calling home from Wallens Ridge, through Global-tel, costs me and my family $7 a call, which is a lot of money for us because we're not that fortunate as far as having extra/spare money, to be able to pay for calls at that amount on a monthly basis, considering economic conditions. Once I was transferred to Sussexx II (only an hour away from home), from Wallens Ridge (at least 12 hrs. away) I assumed that the costs of calls would've dropped a significant amount, but once my family received their bill, the cost per call ($7) remained the same, and it's difficult to afford these high costs when you have four kids that require your assistance, financially, on a state prison paycheck. I'm unable to see my children due to lack of transportation availability, but being able to call home and hear their voices helps ease burdens of my absence, on both ends, but Global-tel's high prices makes this nearly impossible, and the "only remedy" is another alternative: Global-tel.

Sincerely,
L. Lynch

Lester Lynch #1162173
Sussexx II State Prison
24427 Mussel White Dr.
Waverly, Va. 23891-2222

as a steady means of communication are but obsolete. I am therefore left with phone calls as my main form of communication, phone calls which are to expensive to maintain my family ties.

In closing I ask that these practices and prices be investigated. I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Harry A. Templeton #115489

6/24/12

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Julius Genachowski, CHAIRMAN
Federal Communications Commission
(Public Comments)

Mr. Chairman,

I respectively write this brief letter to you in the hopes to enact change regarding the high prices paid for my prison phone calls. Due to these extremely high rates I have lost contact with many friends and family members. It is difficult for most people to write letters or cards or other forms of written correspondence. So the telephone provides an outlet for us to remain connected. My family resides in the Hampton Roads area and my calls are $7.50. What I desire are rates that are more affordable for all parties involved. With the economy in the state that it is this action will be more than appreciated. Thank you for your time,

Otis Thomas #1175929 1D32
Sussex II State Prison
24427 Musselwhite Dr.
Waverly, Va 23891

Respectfully,

Otis Thomas

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (re Docket #96-128)

Perry A. Kellam 1157454
Sussex II State Prison 1-D-36.
24427 Musselwhite Dr
Waverly, Va. 23891

Chairman, Genachowski

I am writting you this letter in regards to the phone system here at Sussex II (Global Tel) who is charging my family ~~prices~~ rates that are higher than rates to call other countries. My mother is on a fixed income and she has to pay a prepaid amount in order for me to call. These prices are unfair to anyone using this system and we have no other option. Could you please assist us in this matter. Thank you for your support.

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P.A. Kellam

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA.

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LINWOOD PARKER # 108679
SUSSEX 2 SP/1-D-23T
24422 MUSSELWHITE DR
WAVERLY, VA. 23891

DEAR CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI,

I AM WRITING YOU CONCERNING THE INFLATED COST OF MY PHONE CALLS OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN VERY HARD ON MY FAMILY AND KEEPING A LINE OPEN FOR ME TO CONTACT THEM THROUGH. NOT TO MENTION THE NUMEROUS TIMES THAT THE PHONE SYSTEM HAS CHARGE WITH THE ANSWER MACHINE PICK UP, OR THE TIMES THAT THE PHONE HAS CUT OFF IN MID CONVERSATI CAUSING ONE TO HAVE TO CALL BACK, ONLY TO HAVE TO PAY THE SURCHARGE ALL OVER AGAIN. IT CAN GET VERY FRUSTRATING ON YOU AND THE FAMILY. SO I AM SEEKING YOUR ASSISTANCE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND COME UP WITH AN MORE AFFORDABLE SYSTEM/ PROGRAM, SO ONE FAMILY CAN AFFORD TO KEEP THE PHONE LINE OPEN. YOUR TIME AND CONCERN IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH SO.

Your Truly
Linwood Parker
LINWOOD PARKER

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128)

6/25/12

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Comm Commission

From: George Oliver

Subject: High Cost of Prisoner phone calls

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski 6/24/12
(Federal Communications Commission)

RE: High price phone calls

I am currently an inmate at Sussex II State Prison. my letter to you is based on the high rate phone calls. Being in the Virginia prison system. the phone calls are extremely exspensive. And being that my area code is (757), the calls costs way more than those of local; please give a proper investigation on this matter.

Thank you,
D. McClone #106345

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128)

S.II.S.P.
Waverly, VA

This is a Public Comment for the
Wright Petition
(CC Docket # 96-128)

Dear Chairman, Julius Genachowski
F.C.C Public Comments.

I'm writing this letter in regards to the high cost that I'm charged to call my family. My calls are over $15.00 for 20 minutes Because of these high cost I cannot keep in touch with my family.

I would love to be able to call more than once or twice a year my family cannot afford these calls.

Sincerely,
MALIK MORRIS #1086743
SUSSEX II STATE PRISON
24427 MUSSELWHITE DR
WAVERLY, VA
23891

6.30.12

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Support for the Wright Petition (Docket # 96-128)

I am in full support for the passage of "The Wright Petition." It is difficult enough for my family to travel a minimum of 3 hours one way to visit me, it is even more taxing when a simple phone call costs me and them well over $5.00.

Because my children are out of state our level of communication diminishes because of these exorbitant prices. This has a profound affect on our relationship as communication in this environment is absolutely essential for moral, spiritual and social support.

Their's enough money being made off the labor of prisoners and their is no reason why phone costs should not be off-set by funds alread accrued by prison officials and the state overall.

Sincerely,

Danny-Ray Thomas #1054249
Sussex 2
24427 Musselwhite Dr.
Waverly, Virginia 23891-2222