

We currently have a family member who is in jail at Miami County Jail in Ohio. The telephone service is through Securus at that facility, and they do not allow families to be connected by 3rd party providers, who allow one to make calls at much lower rates than they charge. The other providers can issue a local number that they own, and therefore one does not have to pay long distance rates to talk to their family members in jail....we do need to be in contact regularly, and we cannot pay the high rates through Securus. We paid for a local number to help defray the high cost, only to have the number blocked making it unavailable. We do not think that it is fair for Securus to be able to block phone numbers we have paid for to inable the inmate to keep in touch with their families, many of which cannot then talk to their small children. We do not feel they should be able to block these numbers, just so they can make a huge profit when one has need of being in touch with their loved ones. Please do not continue to allow them to block these calls!!