

<sup>2</sup> to visit him + phone  
Call's are so expensive;  
+ we only get 15 min's  
to talk to him; so  
"please" see what you  
can do to fix this  
problem. I don't know  
why he couldn't have  
been placed up north  
here so we could  
visit him often.

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thank-you;

Mrs. Z. Weatherill

To Whom it may Concern;

Reason for my  
writing you is to ask  
what you can do to  
lower the cost of  
phone service in our  
prison's.

Our grandson is  
in prison + we are  
on fixed income; +  
because he's 5 1/2 hrs.  
travel away from  
us, it is not possible  
over

Dear Chairman Genachowski

This is a Public comment for the wright Petition (CC-Docket #96-128). The Phone Charges is too costly for me to stay in contact with my family and love ones. In other institutions outside of PA phone charges are more reasonable for the inmates so they're able to stay in contact with there family and love ones. I pray and hope that this petition will ~~come~~ result into easing the phone cost for inmates in the PA institution.

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Thank you

Sincerely your

Christopher Dea

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THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET #96-128)

Diane Pilger  
300 Wainwood Dr. SE  
Warren, Ohio 44484  
November 6, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski

I am writing to you in hope that you will be able and willing to help those who most need your help----namely the families of the incarcerated men and woman of our state

The high cost of prison phone calls is both obscene and abusive. To begin with, the families are already suffering with the loss of income that had supported many a family before the incarceration of their family member. These families are trying to stay in touch to better ground the prisoner. To keep him or her from utter despair and to give them a sense that some one still cares and have hopes for their future, at the end of time served. To stay in touch can be most difficult. The high cost of these phone calls often make this prohibitive. To make a profit is one thing, but to charge such high rates shows only contempt for all who use this service.

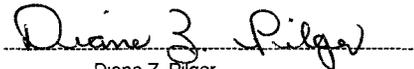
Recently, I was informed that my account which had \$60.39 usable balance, was now without any balance. Five phone calls later, with calls lasting from ten minutes to forty minutes, I was assured that I did not have any money on my account. They said that they would send an explanation showing this fact. I am enclosing the explanation so that you can see how totally bogus this was!

After receiving the "explanation" I again called, again having to spend much time holding, as I was assured that I did not have a positive balance. Finally I asked to speak to a supervisor. Only then did someone suggest that it would be looked into it. A week later, they "found their mistake." This after being assured by at least seven people answering their phone that I had a zero balance. My funds were returned to my account.

I am retired and had the time to persist in getting my money re-instated. But what happens to the Mom out there working to support her family. She would have been "shucks out of luck" trying to get help from the company. Her choice would have been to lose time at work, or lose her funds.

Surely we can do better than this. Please help us.

Respectfully,

  
Diane Z. Pilger

**Account Summary Transactions CC Auths Call Records**  
 3303993355 Comment added successfully.

**Add (CC Deposit | Other Deposit | Withdrawal | Adjustment Increase | Adjustment Decrease | Service Fee | Refund)**

Active Account Type: Advance Pay

Phone Indicator: Not Indicated Validation Surcharge: Not Indicated Special Rate:

Available: \$60.39 Ledger: \$60.39 Hold Amount: \$0.00

Send Bill: No Export

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| First Name: DIANE AND LAWRENCE<br>Last Name: PILGER<br>Address 1: 300 WAINWOOD DR SE<br>Address 2:<br>City, State: WARREN, OH 44484<br>Zip:<br>BNA Verified: <input type="checkbox"/> CA <input type="checkbox"/> GA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OH <input type="checkbox"/> OH<br>DOC       DOC       DOC       Youth<br><input type="button" value="Save Changes"/> <input type="button" value="BNA this number"/> | Phone Number: Note:<br>Alt Number: PC [REDACTED] LEC<br>Email: AT&T...OHIO...ALLEN<br>CORRECTIONAL, OHDC<br>Tax Exempt: <input type="checkbox"/><br>Federal Tax ID:<br>IVR Passcode: [REDACTED] |
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**Account Comments (Add New) Filter: All**

| Date                 | Comment   |
|----------------------|---|
| 10/8/2012 9:31:58 PM | GTL\RHaywood Account Summary/Cust request - Allow 3 TO 5 BUS DAYS to be received by mail// If you would like to request a refund, you must notify GTL within 90 days of the account's last use. REFUND FEE of \$5.00 will be deducted from the remaining balance before refund to cover the cost of the account closure. Accounts that remain inactive for more than 90 days are automatically DISSOLVED. |

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| 10/7/2012<br>10:21:01 PM | AdjustmentIncrease | \$5.16        | PHX Conversion  |  |
| 10/3/2012<br>5:47:56 PM  | CallUsage          | \$5.16        | PHX Conversion  |  |
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THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET # 96-128)

CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC COMMENTS  
445 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

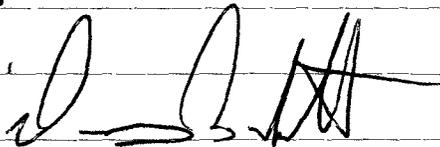
DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

IM WRITING IN REFERENCE TO THE OUTSTANDING COSTS OF PRISON PHONE CALLS. MY FAMILY LIVE IN PHILADELPHIA THE PHONE CALLS IS 5.15. MY DAUGHTER JUST RECIEVED HIP SURGE AND I WAS UNABLE TO CALL. THE COSTS IS TOO HIGH SO I WAS FORCED TO JUST WRITE & LET HER KNOW IM GOING TO KEEP HER IN MY PRAYER. THIS IS ONE OF MANY HINDRANCE MY FAMILY & I HAVE GONE THROUGH. THIS BEING IN PRISON IS ALREADY BAD, THAT PHONE PRICE ONLY MAKE IT WORST. IM WRITING IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR TIME

GOD BLESS

SINCERELY,



DARIUS BURKETT

JV5096

1100 PIKE STREET

HUNTINGDON, PA 16654-1112

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JEREMY A. BENDER #03505-02  
USP(S.M.) FLORENCE  
P.O. Box 7000  
FLORENCE, CO 81026

NOVEMBER 3, 2012

CHAIRMAN JULIUS BENDAKOWSKI  
F.C.C. - PUBLIC COMMENTS  
415 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

\*\*\* THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WEIGHT  
PETITION (CC DOCKET # 12-108) \*\*\*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BENDAKOWSKI,

GREETINGS!

I'M WRITING THIS LETTER TO EXPLAIN THE  
IMPACT THE HIGH COSTS OF PRISON CALLS HAVE HAD  
ON ME & MY FAMILY.

I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED IN THE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS FOR APPROX 14 YRS  
SERVING A 30 YR. SENTENCE. ALTHOUGH I'M  
ENTITLED TO 300 MINUTES PER MONTH. IT  
RARELY SPEND 30 MINUTES A MONTH DUE TO  
THE HIGH CHARGES THE PRISONS CHARGE (\$8.45  
FOR 15 MINUTES). THAT'S \$67<sup>00</sup> TO SPEND THE  
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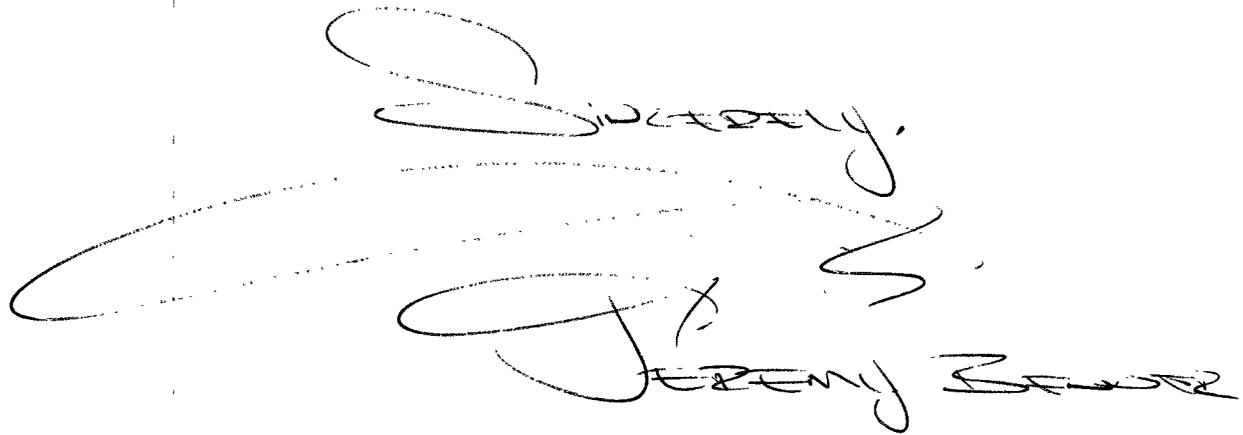
MY FAMILY IS EXTREMELY POOR AND  
CAN NOT AFFORD TO SEND ME MONEY - I  
GENERALLY MAKE 10<sup>00</sup> - 20<sup>00</sup> INSTITUTIONALLY AND  
I USE A PORTION OF THAT TO CALL MY MOM  
AND OTHER FAMILY BRIEFLY.

NOT BEING ABLE TO AFFORD TO

COMMUNICATE WITH MY FAMILY IS THE MOST PAINFUL FEELING IN THE WORLD.

IF ONE EXPLAINED THIS TO THE WARDEN OF THIS INSTITUTION AND HE JUST LAUGHED IN MY FACE AND TOLD ME... PRISON'S ONLY CARE ABOUT PROFITS, NOT FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS. WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE IN THE WAY WE PROFIT OFF PRISONERS, THAT'S MY BUSINESS, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT KILL YOUR SELF - DIRT BAG!

IT'S A HARD LIFE IN PRISON. IF ANYONE COULD HELP, PRISONERS & FAMILIES WOULD BE GRATEFUL BECAUSE, NO ONE CARES ABOUT US ON THESE SIDES OF THE WALLS.

Sincerely,  
  
JEREMY BREWER

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Julius Genachowski

Federal Communication Center

Public Comments

445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW

Washington DC 20554

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Dallas

To whom it may concern:

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Something must be done not only on the State level but also the County. County of Berks has a provider ITT Berks County Prison who also price spikes.

I may be released in May 2013 any assistance I can provide please inform me

Respectfully Requested  
Derek Wayne

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November 1, 2012

FCC Mail Room

From: Derek Wayne

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Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communication Center  
Public Comments  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington DC 20554

S.C.I.D.  
1000 Folkes Rd  
Dallas PA 18612

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Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

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

My name is Shariff Butler (No. FM-4733) and I am a prisoner housed at SCI-Huntingdon. Since my intake at this facility in 2003 I refrain from calling my mother but for maybe once a month, and this is not a consistent schedule, do to the expensive cost in which it takes to place a phone call to Philadelphia from where I am housed at in Huntingdon County. The phone bill for her had "still" become such a burden that she was unfortunately forced to cancel her collect call service on her phone. The phone service here is just a expensive when purchasing a phone card as it is calling collect. My mother is my only support and is therefore my main concern when needing a supportive voice to talk to and console my thoughts, and even more so hers.

Therefore, if there is anything that you can do

OR provide that will reduce the price it takes to  
MAKE A phone call I would be greatly appreciative  
I thank you for any time that you invested in  
listening to what I have written concerning this  
matter. Have a blessed day.

Respectfully,  
Shariff Butler  
Shariff Butler  
FM4733  
1100 Pike Street  
Huntingdon, PA 16654

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Dear Chairman Enochowski

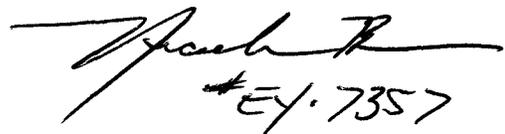
"This is a public comment for THE Wright  
Petition (CC Docket #96-128)"

I am writing about the petition for the  
Phone Justice. This is a problem for my family  
and I that we are spending so much money  
for a 15 minute phone call. We at SCI Huntington  
have tried to find other companies and ways  
to accommodate the expensive cost. Each time  
they would come up with a policy to strip us  
from using these specific companies.

This is really needed here at SCI  
Huntington, and we appreciate the opportunity  
to get help with this issue so that we are able  
to correspond with our friends and family at  
a appropriate expense. May God Bless you in  
all of your support.

Sincerely,

Nicodemus Brown

  
#EX-7357



# NOTICE

## Enhanced Service for Family and Friends for Inmate Telephone Calling

integrity

innovation

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accountability

During the week of July 26th, 2012, families and friends who receive phone calls from inmates in any Pennsylvania Department of Corrections facility will be **automatically** converted from their GTL Direct Billed accounts to a Global Tel-Link AdvancePay Account.

Families' and friends' new GTL AdvancePay account will be identified by a **new number**, which will be **their ten digit phone number**. GTL is pleased to provide this enhanced service to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections customers.

**Changes associated with this conversion are as follows:**

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**AdvancePay** will be at **lower rates** than traditional collect calling.

Mailed monthly statements will be eliminated.

AdvancePay accounts can be managed and money can be deposited into an account in several ways.

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**Payments to an AdvancePay account can be made by:**

- Using a MasterCard or Visa branded credit or debit card online at [www.offenderconnect.com](http://www.offenderconnect.com)
- Calling GTL's automated number 1-800 483-8314
- Mailing a check or money order payable to Global Tel-Link at PO BOX 911722, Denver, CO 80291-1722

Regardless of the method:

Families and friends can manage phone numbers on their GTL AdvancePay Account, make payments, view balances online at the offenderconnect website and more!

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**Hours of operation:**

Monday-Friday, 8am to Midnight, EST  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 8pm, EST

**Mailing Address:**

AdvancePay Service Dept.  
Department 9111722  
Denver, Colorado 80291-172

Website: [www.offenderconnect.com](http://www.offenderconnect.com)

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Darrin B McEullough G62883

CSP 22-3-2-up

Po Box 4000 Solano

Vacaville CA, 95696

Public Comment For the Wright Petition  
Docket # 96-128

Chairman Julius Genschowski

I would like to comment of the cost of prison phone calls. I am a Inmate in Solano Prison in California and Am Doing Programs & classes to Help rehabilitate myself. One Thing I learned is that I need to include my family and support group in my recovery and I can not state the importance of Being able to communicate with my family and it is hard Because of the high cost of phone calls from prisons. It would Be of the utmost benefit to me and many others who are Trying to better themselves to have lower cost phone calls. Please Take That Information into consideration

Thank you for your Time  
Darrin McEullough

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FCC Mail Room

To: Chairman Genachowski

From: Terrence Richardson (GE 8020)

Re: CC Docket # 96-128

I AM A PENNSYLVANIA STATE PRISONER who is directly affected by the high cost of Prison calls. I do not receive regular visits due to my family's low income status, lack of public transportation to my home jail's remote location and I can only communicate by phone once in a blue moon due to high calls cost. I do get to write but a conversation is always stronger than words on a piece of paper. It is the free citizens who pay for the calls but are being charged more to talk to their love ones because they are in jail. I have a daughter I have not seen in 8 years and I can't talk to her as much due to phone call prices. Please pass a law to not penalize the free citizens with expensive jail calls.

Thank You

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

William B. Bishop 567121  
Ramy Unit - 1100 FM655  
Rosharon, Texas 77583

Received & Inspected 5 November 2012  
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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to voice my support for the Wright Petition. I have been a Texas state prisoner for over 23 years. We are not paid for our labor here and, therefore, the high costs of phone calls from within the Prison System is a difficult burden for me and my family to bear. Calls are 29¢ a minute for in-state calls and 43¢ a minute for out-of-state.

My mother is elderly and unable to travel unassisted and my girlfriend resides out of state so the meager funds I am able to allot for calls from my trust fund account (TDCJ) are quickly expired. I then call collect if necessary for times like now when emergencies have cropped up... adding more to the pressures on my loved ones. Don't get me wrong here. We are blessed that Tex finally decided to allow us access to phones to communicate more readily with our families. It's just that the cost is distressing. I spend approx. \$70 a month off my account just to call my Mom and girlfriend... at times of family issues, calling my brother, sister, and Aunt significantly add to that amount.

I truly understand the need for companies to make a profit for services provided - and I support that. It's just that all the added fees to methods of payments, ~~the~~ the exorbitant rate charged, and the funding of the commissions offered by the company in order that they be allowed to receive the contract to begin with all add up quickly. It's a drain when the choice definitely becomes between making some phone calls to keep in touch with our loved ones or doing something else. Please give the Wright Petition some consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely, William B Bishop #567121

F.C.C.

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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FCC Mail Room

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Re: CC Docket #96-128

Dear, Chairman Genachowski:

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

My name is Gordon Kirk Kemppner #1541042, a prisoner illegally imprisoned in the State of Texas slave labor prison system, TDCJ, and prisoners here in Texas have no way to make phone calls to Courts, Attorneys, or Public Officials, amounting to deliberate indifference to the access to courts rights of prisoners.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all prisoners in the United States are also Disabled Americans entitling the prisoners to all of the "services, programs, and activities" that the states and federal government have.

Prisoners are deprived of these rights.

This is just one of the many issues that I have presented before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kemppner v. Texas* #12-5651, now petitioning for rehearing, so, possibly, if my suit is heard, this will give some support to this petition also.

All statements are true under penalty of perjury.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Kemppner

Gordon Kemppner #1541042

TDCJ Dalhart Unit

11950 FM 998

Dalhart, Tx. 79022-7624

Michael Diaz

JY-7567

SCI-Greene  
175 Progress Drive  
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
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CC DOCKET #96-128**

Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners.

I'm incarcerated at SCI-Greene, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For me to call home (in-state) is \$5.41 through a pre-paid calling card sold in the prison commissary and \$6.00 to call collect (both 15 minute calls). This is simply too much money for most of my family, my support network, to afford. I have very limited contact with my family due to the excessive cost of these phone calls.

Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1,000 inmates to Michigan due to overcrowding. Phone calls from MI to PA were only \$1.80 for the same 15 minute call. these are the same phone calls I try to make from Pennsylvania but can't afford, but in Michigan they were 70% cheaper. I don't understand how rates from MI to PA are 30% of the cost we pay in PA for in-state calls.

There are too many people that I can't call because they can't afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I need to have a successful reentry into society upon my release, but I'm losing my relationships with them due to the lack of interaction and contact.

I hope something can be done because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and Department of Corrections do is take advantage of our situation.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski:

11/3/12

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Petition (ccdoCKET #96-128)

My complaint is that I only get paid 27¢  
an hour and my phone calls are \$5.00 and more  
just to make one call to one of my many  
loved one's. It's really hard to call my family  
and buy food, deodorant, soap, Shampoo and  
other personal care products. By the time I use  
my pay to buy the personal care products that  
I need I can't buy food, once I get the personal  
care products I need I have to wait for  
the following pay to get either food or phone  
time. So I have to sacrifice food just to talk  
to my loved one's and family. Some people have  
local #'s and their phone call rate is \$1.00 / \$3.90  
for the 15 min's where others like my self has to  
pay \$5.00 or more just for 1 15min phone call.

So yes I would like your help on helping  
us get one flat rate for the whole jail.

Thank you

Jeremy Fowl

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Chairman Julius Genachowski

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This is a public comment for  
the Wright petition [CC. Docket #96-128]

I am responsible for this current  
situation and I'm all for

Rehabilitation. Unlike the past, today

I see that I have abandoned

my responsibilities as a father and  
husband in being the leader and

strength of the house. However in

making \$45 a month and being  
charged \$10 for two phone calls

to a family that is four  
and half hours away is

unreasonable. Having a wife and

two daughters, it's important for

the family to stay in contact.

Rehabilitation is good, separation

is not! other factors in prison  
income food + cosmetics makes it difficult  
to reach loved ones.

[over please]

Something Needs To be done  
To make Life more  
about Values Than money and greed.

ALL Temporal possessions will Fade  
but The Soul who can Kill?

Thank you For your Time

Peace and blessings Touch  
your heart (ALL) your days!

PATRICK Horgan Hu4405  
1100 Pike Street  
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

P.S. Working and doing The  
right Thing Today Should come  
with Some Reward.  
Family is a necessity + They  
shouldn't be punished.

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Dear Chairmen Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright petition CC Docket # 96-128. I have been incarcerated almost two yrs. I have family members that I have not been able to stay in touch with, because calls are so expensive. We communicate at times through letters but it's just not the same as being able to hear a loved ones voice. My family and friends just don't have the funds for me to call them collect, when collect call rates are so high from prisons. Family members need to be able to hear our/my voice to know that I am fine, just the same that they would like to express their support for me, while I'm in prison.

I thank you in advance for your support with this matter, and my family Thanks you as well.

Sincerely  
William Morales  
Willie Morales  
JX9111

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SCI-Greene  
175 Progress Drive  
Waynesburg, PA 15370

November 6, 2012

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Diric Getchell  
HQ3464

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Sincerely,

*Diric Getchell*

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Nathaniel Jackson  
# H0J2123

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TYREEK MOORE  
HR. 1897

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Sincerely,

Tyreek Moore

Sterling Chavis  
#AM-7265, SCID  
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Dallas, Pa. 18612

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Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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In re: The Wright Petition CC Docket #96-128

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

My name is, Sterling Chavis #AM-7265, and presently confined at State Correctional Institution Dallas (SCI-Dallas), Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612. I am a 70 year old male and serving a 3½ to 20 years sentence since the year 1981, which this sentence expire in the year of 2023, because the Pa. Parole Board saw fit to unlawfully extended my sentence when it is only the sentencing court obligation to do so. But that's another issue of being held beyond my original sentence.

However, the reason I am writing you is concerning the high impact costs of this prison phone call system when calling family members and how it prevents me, as well as other individuals, from contacting our love ones to maintain a personal family relationship by way of telephone communications, which is very costly.

The high phone cost rates affects the inmates here at SCI-Dallas, especially those of us who does not have the necessary funds in our prison account to pay for these high costs. Some of us as myself, who live out-of-state and far diatance from family members and who only earn \$15.00 per month from our state institutional pay wages each month. It cost me to call my family from \$7.00 to \$10.00 each time I call for a 15 minutes period! Being I am unable to pay for a phone calls, due to my unlimited funds, I only call my family once a year doing Christmas holidays, because I have to budget myself with the wages I receives to meet this once a year phone call to talk with my grand-daughter and family. So most of my communication are by letter writing. I am not the only one in this situation where the high phone rates prevents us from making regular calls to hear the voices of our loved ones.

Therefore, this impact of high costs from prison should be investigated and allow us the opportunity to talk to family without paying high costs. All concern given this matter is appreciated because everyone cannot pay for GTL and ARISEMENT Company.

Sincerely,

  
Sterling Chavis #AM-7265

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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI.

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RE: THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT  
PETITION (CC DOCKET #96-128)

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI :

MY NAME IS MARK. I AM 51 AND IN STATE PRISON.  
IT IS DIFFICULT TO HEAR THE VOICE OF LOVED ONES  
BECAUSE THE COST OF TELEPHONE CALLS IS VERY HIGH.  
I FEEL IT IS UNFAIR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A  
CAPTIVE AUDIENCE LIKE PRISONERS TO SOAK THEM FOR  
TELEPHONE RATES NO-ONE WOULD CHOOSE TO PAY IN  
THE FREE WORLD. IN FACT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE.  
THEREFORE, IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TO STOP  
DEMONIZING CONVICTS AND PUNISHING THEM THIS WAY.  
I CANNOT EVEN AFFORD TO MAKE ANY PHONE CALLS  
BECAUSE MY PEOPLE'S PHONE COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY  
TO CALL. PLEASE LOWER THE PHONE RATES. THANKS.

Mark Beak

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JERRY PRICE #HD2910  
SCI DALLAS  
1000 FOLLIES RD.  
DALLAS, PA 18612

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

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PETITION (CC DOCKET # 96-128).

I'M WRITING TO YOU IN REGARD TO THESE  
EXPENSIVE PRICES FOR THE PHONES IN PRISON.  
I AM A INMATE AT SCI DALLAS APPROXIMATELY  
TWO HOURS FROM PHILADELPHIA WHICH IS WHERE  
I'M CALLING TO AND IT COSTS CLOSE TO SIX  
DOLLARS FOR ONE FIFTEEN MINUTE CALL. SO IF  
I BUY A TEN DOLLAR PHONECARD IT'S A CALL  
AND A HALF, THEREFORE I'M FORCED TO BUY  
TWENTYFIVE - FIFTY DOLLAR PHONECARDS JUST  
SO I CAN HAVE A DECENT PHONECALL WITH  
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THIS GTL COLLECT CALLS AND THAT COSTS MORE  
PER CALL THEN IT DOES FOR ME TO BUY A  
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SPENT MORE ON GTL THEN I SPENT ON PHONE CARDS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS. ITS BECOME A BURDEN FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. SURE I'VE MADE MISTAKES, SOME BIGGER THAN THE OTHERS BUT I'M PAYING FOR THEM. I AM CONFINED IN A STATE PENITENTIARY, IS'NT THAT PUNISHMENT? SO WHY MAKE MY FAMILY PAY? WHY PUNISH MY FAMILY? CAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT SEEMS LIKE, WE'RE BEING CHARGED LIKE WHERE IN ANOTHER STATE, I'M IN PENNSYLVANIA!

Thank You,  
Jerry Price

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DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

I writing this letter with regards to the very ~~high~~ high cost of prison phone ~~calls~~ calls. I have been in PRISON for over 29 YEARS and I can tell you that the cost of these calls have put a strain on me and my family because it has been a ~~many~~ many of days when I could not get on the phone because none of nobody in my family had any money, in fact I just got back from VA. where I was ~~sent~~ sent against my will and the phone call was \$11.89 a call for the first 18 months ~~and~~ and \$6.47 for the next 6 ~~months~~ months. I would like to know why we are paying 25 or 26 ~~cents~~ cents a minute while people on the street pay 1 to 3 cents a minute for the same call! At one time it cost \$15.00 to \$16.00 to talk to my family for 15 minutes and I was only making \$26.00 a month! We as PRISONERS don't have the money to call home, so as a result this burden falls on our family to pay for most of our calls if not all of our calls! I hope that something can be done to lower the cost of these phone calls! ~~Thank~~ Thank you for your time!

Anthony K. McClellan  
CF 8579

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Corinthian Johnson  
Hudson Correctional Facility  
3001 N Juniper Street  
Hudson, CO 80642

Re: CC Docket # 96-128

11-6-12

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'm writing this letter because I find it very difficult to connect with my family because of the prices of the phone. I make \$30 cents a hour and to call home it's \$25 cents a minute. My family is very much apart of my release plan and communication is key to ensure my success not returning back to prison, but it's hard to do when I'm only allowed to call home 2 times a month.

In closure, I pray and hope that this topic on the prices of phone call are seriously examine and ~~let~~ delt with, it would be highly appreciative.

Respectfully  
Corinthian Johnson

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski

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

my name is Joseph Rhove BM7198, I am house at SCID

Dallas PA 18612

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subject: Prison Phone Justice

I have been in prison for over 20 years, I have 9 children and 35 grand & 5 great grands... I state this because it has become impossible for us to continue our family communicating by way of phone.

I have two sons in the service, one in Virginia Beach and another

in Ft Lee Virginia, in order for us to speak to each other

they have to send me \$15.00 for a 15 min call. or I have

to pay \$15.00 for a 15 min call, when I only make .42¢ a hour.

and on top of that, many times while talking the phone will just cut off, with no way to receive a refund. and this takes place

three out of ten calls.

what is also painful is that our families have had their own

phone service for many years with collect calls for us to call them

in case of a life and death situation, however the prison here

at Dallas cut off our families collect call and told them that they

had to send in \$100.00 to their service in order to receive a collect

call from their love ones... I feel like my family has been put in

prison also, for if they wish to speak to me they will have to pay

more money than they pay when they call out side of the country, all

because I am a prisoner here in the state of Pa... Again this is

a public comment that I pay is dead.

Thank you! Mr Joseph Rhove BM7198

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MARK SATERLIND # 357366  
MONROE CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX  
WASHINGTON STATE REFORMATORY  
# A-311  
MONROE, WA 98272

Chairman BROWNE

11-7-2012

AFTER READING AN ARTICLE IN "PRISON NEWS" MAGAZINE, I FELT COMPELLED TO WRITE YOU REGARDING THE INMATE PHONE SYSTEM.

MY PARENTS, TO WHOM I SPEAK BY PHONE FREQUENTLY, ARE MY PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING MY INCARCERATION HERE IN MONROE, WA. THE COST TO THEM TO MAINTAIN THAT CONNECTION IS EXORBITANTLY HIGH. ON A FIXED INCOME, BOTH WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE HEALTH ISSUES, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION. THE COST TO SET UP AND TO MAINTAIN FUNDS IS \$7.<sup>99</sup> EACH TIME FUNDS ARE ADDED. A PHONE CALL OF ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES IS \$3.<sup>50</sup> PER CONNECTION. THEY ARE CONSTANTLY WORKING ON WAYS TO MINIMIZE COSTS ESPECIALLY ON FIXED EXPENSES. THEIR HOME PHONE COST IS ONLY \$120<sup>00</sup> ANNUALLY + \$3<sup>00</sup> PER MONTH SALES TAX. THEY USE A VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SET UP WHICH ALSO ELIMINATES LONG DISTANCE CHARGES. THEIR CELL PHONE IS UNDER \$8 PER MONTH FOR 400 MINUTES USE PER MONTH, INCLUDING LONG DISTANCE AND TEXTING. INCIDENTAL TO THE PHONE SERVICES THEY USE, THE CONNECTION IS 100% WITH EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE. THE SERVICE PROVIDED HERE IN THE INSTITUTION IS LESS THAN MODERATE AND A CUSTOMER SERVICE TO SUPPORT THAT QUALITY, IN SAME

I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY SO I CAN ONLY WONDER IF THE WORDS MONOPOLY, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COLLUSION (WITH THE STATE D.O.C) RING TRUE, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY PARENTS, AND THOSE IN

THIS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, I HOPE THERE IS SOMETHING  
THAT CAN BE DONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
MARY SAMPSON

Shawn P. Arnold, Sr.  
FF9458

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Sincerely,



Waylon HANLAN  
JS-4768

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Waylon Hanlan

October 28, 2012

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From: Mr. Jamie Pandure [3-A]  
304087//373718C  
PO BOX-861  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0861

Re: Public Comment for Wright Petition  
Docket No. 96-128.

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Greetings! The following is my comment on the Wright Petition, Docket No. 96-128, and I understand that this letter will be made part of the public record in this case.

I've been imprisoned for over 18-years and the exorbitant cost of using the prison's phone system to stay in contact with my family is nothing short of brutal. Letters leaving the prison take as much as two weeks to reach my relatives, and their letters often take twice as long to reach me. There is nothing more important to me, as well as most other prisoners, than staying in direct contact with my family while being imprisoned.

Faced with buying food for their families, and spending money on this system, my family members are quickly and surely pushing me away. I now get an answering machine when calling them, and I believe my loved ones are anxiously sitting nearby as the phone rings, feeling terrible for not answering due to the sure-to-be-ridiculous bill that will soon follow.

It's hard to believe that the cost of each phone call is

still about thirty-nine cent per minute (including taxes, etc.) when people that are not incarcerated are paying far less, at 3¢ to as little as 1¢ per minute. My prison income is not enough to allow me to call very often at all. My family, like most in America, is struggling just to pay their bills, let alone a large bill from this New Jersey State Prison's phone system provider, "Global Tel\*Link."

In closing, I humbly beg for your intervention and support in this matter. My hope is that you will champion this effort to restructure the parameters under which this greedy telephone system profiteering ring is now operating, making it much more feasible for my family and I to communicate verbally.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jamie Pandure".

Mr. Jamie Pandure

CC: NAACP.

File/E-File, JP, RMP, RP.

This is a public comment of the  
Wright Petition [CC Docket #96-128]

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Vernell Morris #CC2451 : Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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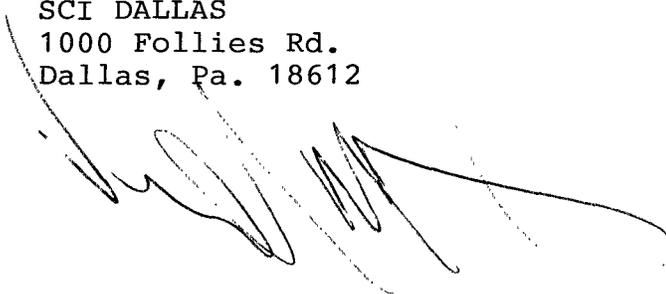
I am a Prisoner, who has been housed in the Pennsylvania Department of Correction for 20 years to date. I have experience the economic exploitation of myself and my family through the D.O.C. telephone system for 16 years now, (every since the installment of this Security phone system. I have filed numerous complaints concerning this matter with-in the DOC, as well as placing a complaint to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission BCS#: 1846465 in 2005.

My family has searched for more affordable phone rates only to find no alternative but to use the DOC's telephone service provider at its set high rates per-call. My family has been forced to switch from their more rate friendly service provider to one that cost them more, and is under contract with the DOC's service provider just so I am able to phone them. Many of my love-one have been unable to afford the switch, so we have been unable to take by phone.

To connect by phone with my family here in Pa's DOC means that a call from myself is routed from here to the State of Texas than on to my love ones in the city of Philadelphia. This is a factor in the high cost of calling. Collect calling has recently been removed from my choice of options to phone my family. Now our families must establish a account with the DOC's service provider just to use the so-call collect call. This makes a collect call not a collect call at all, but just another per-paid call. All this change to the phone system over the years is not only frustrating to my family and myself. But it also has had an discouraging effect on us all in wanting to use this phone system. I myself am tired of being used as a tool to exploit my family through. It has been like; just because I have been convicted of a crime and placed in Prison. It gives the DOC and its phone service provider the right to take advantage of my family as part of my punishment.

I am praying that a favorable solution will come out of this Wright Petition for the sake of all who are incarcerated, and their love ones who have endured the years of blatant abuse by the Prison phone service provider's.

Submitted by:  
Vernell Morris #CC2451  
SCI DALLAS  
1000 Follies Rd.  
Dallas, Pa. 18612



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11-6-12

Dear Mr. Genachowski,

I am contacting you concerning a recent problem I'm having with the phone system here at SCI Dallas for 17 years, I have been calling my family collect because they live out of state in Las Vegas NV. Using a calling card plan would be expensive for me, so my family keeps that line of communication open for me. On my recent call home, the automatic system informed me that I can no longer speak to my family. I was told that they have to change service provider in order for me to call home. This unfair business practice displays a clear monopoly. With this new system, calls are being dropped in the middle of conversation and we get no compensation or refund. We are forced to endure this treatment because of this environment. I hope appealing this matter to you will prove that something can be done.

Sincerely,  
Tierra Mack

Nov 5, 2012

TYRCE LAWSON JW2704  
C/O SCI Forest  
P.O. BOX 945  
MARIETTA, PA 16239

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RE: Docket 96-128.

Dear Sir,

I pray my letter has found you in the best of health and performing the honorable deeds as a Representative of the people in our government.

I am sending this correspondence to you in the interest of continuing an honorable & morally righteous government, and to maintain public confidence in those elected to govern us citizens of this United States.

Here, I ask you to please consider a policy, directed to Pennsylvania Department of Corrections to put an end to the unreasonable high cost telephone contracts, that its office subject "incarcerated person(s) like myself" into paying extorted rates to make phone calls to our families. I, myself as a institution employed inmate working in the Facility Library earn \$.35 a hour from anywhere from 18 to 33 hours a week, averaging \$25. to 48 dollars a month. It is extremely burden some to purchase these phone cards priced at \$10.00 tax 60 / \$15.00 tax 90. / \$ 25.00 tax 1.25 / 50.00, tax 2.5

etc. to keep in touch with my family considering each call is 5.25 to 5.50 and often during calls the facility phones apparently is rigged to disconnect call in the middle of conversations, forcing you to re-call, which involves another deduction of 2.25 for a connection fee & whatever the minute rate are.

My family is currently suffering from result of the government's 2008 recession where their unemployed & struggling. The mother of my youngest daughter, for instance within the last 2 years have moved so many times I am no longer able to locate her or my child. As without calling her mother, who is often in Puerto Rico, which rate is even more unreasonable. I'm, on a daily basis "am" fighting for my freedom, from the oppressive acts of a state judge falsifying records to convict me. My family cannot afford to send me monthly cash gifts.

So with what is stated I beg of you to please consider a policy to force PA D.O.C

from purchasing or signing these unreasonable contract in exchange for a more convenient, reasonable system for inmates to keep in touch with outside existence.

Kindly yours

Juan La

HASSAN MAYHEW

CW-9047

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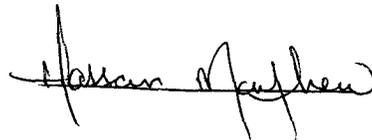
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Mr. Juan C. Rivera

DC-9899

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I am writing to you in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners to their friends and families.

I am incarcerated at SCI Greene in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and for me to call home (in state), the cost is \$5.41 using the Global Tel Link pre paid calling card system sold through the institution commissary. A collect call to that same number (in state) is just over \$6.00 (both for fifteen minute phone calls. A person who makes the same call out of state must pay a rate of \$8.00 to \$10.00 using the pre paid calling system, \$10.24 for a collect call. This is simply too much money for the majority of my family members, my support network, to afford, especially in this present economy. As it stands, I have very limited contact with my family and loved ones due to the excessive costs of these phone calls.

Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1000 inmates to Michigan due to prison overcrowding. While there, they were allowed to make phone calls using the exact same system that Pennsylvania does (Global Tel Link). The calls from MI to anywhere in the United States were only \$1.80 for a fifteen minute phone call using the

same prepaid calling card system presently in use. Collect rates were only \$1.94 for the same amount of time. These are the same calls I have tried to make within Pennsylvania but I cannot afford them. In Michigan, these same calls were 70% cheaper and I do not understand how rates from Michigan to anywhere else in the United States are 30% of the cost of a call we pay in Pennsylvania for in state calls.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Juan Rivera", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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