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Dear; Chairman Genachowski

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

Mr. Chairman, I am a prisoner in
Huntingdon PA, going on 15 years now and I'm from
New York, which makes this a little more harder for me.
The communication I have with my family over
the phone is almost none existence because the cost
is like \$11.00 a call, and now my collect is being
taken if my family doesn't have some kind of agreement
with one of the phone companies. Mr. Chairman,
the jail sent a lot of inmates to another state some
years ago, when those inmates came back, one of
the biggest stories was about how their phone calls
was so much cheaper than ours was, Mr. Chairman
some inmates went to Michigan and some went to
Virginia, how is it that I'm a couple of hours away
and pay close to \$11.00 and Michigan and Virginia
is close to a couple a days away and they was payin
\$1.80 for their calls, its more feeling in a phone call
then on paper, Thank you for your time.

Kagwan Milligan

1.)

Mr. David Esco Welch #E-25702
San Quentin State Prison 3-EY-47
San Quentin, Calif. 94974

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October, 18th 2012
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Federal Communications Commission
(Public Comments)
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, DC. 20554

Please - tries FCC,

I'm a Fifty (54) Four, years of
age, Black, condemned prisoner
here. I read about your
good intentions, within a
Prison Legal News paper.

My Families, and Friends
phone number's here, has stopped,
putting my collect phone
call's through. There's, preventing
them from making a decision,
to accept the call's or
not.

2.)

When I've made inquiries to Prison Officials, they suggest my family call Global Tel Link, which I'm not familiar with, nor have access to the number, ect...

It's rather frustrating, trying to prepare for my Appellate hearings, and not having a real access to a phone.

Also, I'm a long time newspaper subscriber. Many of my daily issues, haven't been issued to me. Prison Officials, are knowingly, stealing the incoming mailed newspapers, to read the sport's section's, there's.

These newspaper subscriptions, are seriously needed. To help condemned prisoners, keep abreast of current events, surrounding their Appeals.

Myself, I've recently lodged complaint's with the Warden.

3.)

which, hasn't brought, about,
any results yet. Last month,
each of my Monday, issues
was missing. That's day's, after-
the week-end sport's events.

My Mother's name, address
and phone number is listed
here below. Feel free, to call
and make inquiries. Helpful,
so my call's can get accepted,
soon!

Thanks, very much!

Sincerely & respectfully,

D. Lisa Welch

Mrs. Milwite B. Welch
521 Loperenda Dr.
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I'd like to join: The Prison
Phone Justice Campaign

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TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
455 12TH Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

From: Michael Drayton BS-6812
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

Sir, I'm writing to find out if you have a solution to the high cost of a call here in Pennsylvania that we must endure in the institutions throughout this state. This system has been a heavy burden not only for me and my family but for the entire population of inmates here in PA. We're currently paying \$5.15 for a 15 minute call that's if we have the funds to pay for a Pre-Paid calling card if we call collect then it's \$6.20 on our families bill for 15 minutes, and that cost gets even higher for those inmates who are calling out of state.

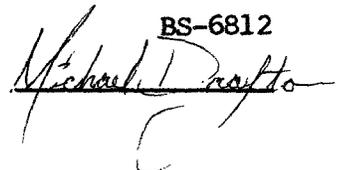
Sir, I'm trying to understand how inmates were shipped out to Michigan, to help with the increase of the population that all calls were only \$1.80 and that's to call anywhere in the USA. So, I'm asking not just for me but for everyone that this problem effects is there a solution to the high cost of the calls that we been dealing with for years and they're only getting higher and higher. I don't need help we all need help with this problem the inmate population as well as our love ones.

Thank you for taking the time to read my issue I hope that you can help me in this matter

Thank You

Michael Drayton

BS-6812

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Drayton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed name and ID number.

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing to ask that you act on the WRIGHT petition to cap inmate telephone rates and stop the exploitation of prisoners and their loved ones.

I am serving time in the Michigan Department of Correction. Since coming to prison, I have tried to remain in close contact with my family and friends, but with each passing year it becomes more difficult. Despite publicly trumpeting the benefits of prisoners remaining in close contact with their families, the self serving policies and actions by the MDOC are continuing to tear at the very fabric of these bonds.

The two most important and critical ways for a prisoner to keep in contact with his family comes through visits and telephone calls. For most families, including mine, making the trip to visit is a rare occurrence. When you consider the bad economic times, and that most of these visitors themselves are struggling near the margins, the cost of making the trip to visit is prohibitive. Add to this that the MDOC has reduced the amount of days a prisoner can get visits, and restricted the number of visitors an inmate is allowed to see, it's not surprising to see the number of visits being reduced by 70%.

This leaves the telephone as the main lifeline for a majority of prisoners. Rather than making this critical service more convenient, the MDOC has chosen instead to exploit this service for profit. They, along with predatory telephone providers, have colluded to extort and target those who can least afford it. Of the average \$3.25 charged for a 15 minute call, \$2.50 goes directly into the pockets of the MDOC and telephone provider.

The MDOC claims it needs its share to shore up its budget. Prisoners and their families should not be charged outrageous rates to support prison budgets, that burden should be borne by the entire tax base. As for the telephone provider, they get a 30 % cut of the overcharge. Remember, the telephone provider has already built in their cost and profit margins for providing the actual telephone service. Public Communication Services is Michigan's current provider and they are making more money from administering this slush fund than they are from providing the actual inmate telephone service.

It seems one of the functions of our Federal Communications Commission is to protect the consumer from predatory behavior, and if this doesn't qualify for that protection, then I don't know what would. Please put a stop to this. Cap the rates!

Sincerely,

Wesley Deal 11
227148

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wright Petition CC Docket #96-128.

Dear Person's,

I would like to Comment on my experience with Phone Companies and Jails and prison's. At the expense of a prisoner in the united states of America Jails and prison's open their door's to Phone Companies that Promise Kick backs in all kinds of different ways to the Jail and prison. I will speak on the Utah Department of Correction's as that is where I am and have personal experience with the Problems of the Phone and being overcharged for the use of them. In 2009 the inmates where flat told after the rates had gone up exuberantly that the extra revenue made on the phones was going to "sports" equipment for inmates. We the inmates of course never saw any

for inmates so they can keep strong ties to the community for reasons of a successful re-entry but then with actions the prison takes as explained above and many other ways the prison and phone companies isolate family members away from each other and make it a miserable and lonely time for not only the prisoner, "who's life is already unbearably miserable", but also for their family. If a entity of an un-reputable state were to do what Phone companies and Prison administrators do they would be arrested and jailed for racketeering, extortion and bullying. Until one has experienced what I am talking about they have no idea the helplessness and feeling of hopelessness that nothing can change this huge system in place. I humbly ask that this matter not only get looked into but ultimately gets changed so

change in the equipment or how administration handled the sports department nor did any of the

old broken down equipment get replaced. In 2010 nothing was said to inmates when their phone call

home automatically switched them and their family to a V-connect service that cost \$22.50 for me

to make a 30 min call to my mom in Omaha NB. My grandmother

cannot get through the maze of bureaucracy to get a phone line established let alone figure

out how to get V-connect off of her service so I can just call collect through her normal carrier.

It is not the person in jail or prison that suffers the great costs of the phone companies and

Prison's monopolizing on the costs and lack of options on prison phones it is the families and loved ones

of people who are incarcerated

that suffers. The system say they

want easy and open communication

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there can be healthy competition
opened up amongst the phone -
companies in jails and prisons.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Curtis Ellis #187815

cc: FCC

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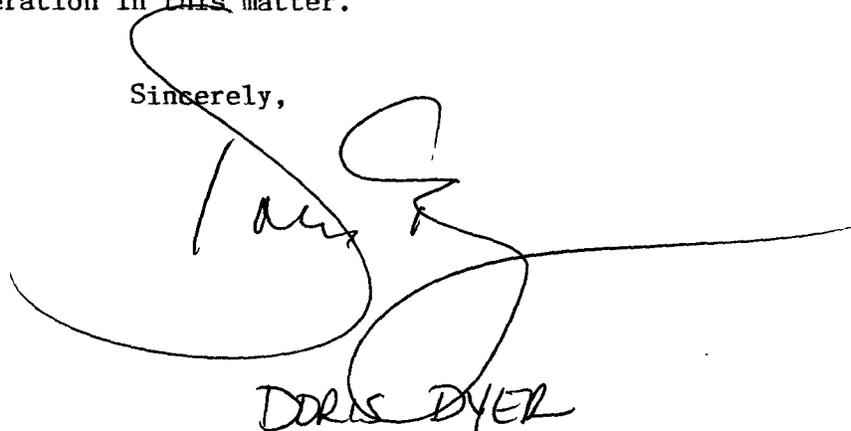
I have a family member who is currently incarcerated in a Michigan prison. For many years I have been subjected to excessive telephone rates when he calls home. I'm told the extra charges go towards supporting the state's prison budget. If the state needs additional funding for it's prison budget then it should collect those funds from the entire tax base in Michigan as part of raising general revenue; not select a certain group of taxpayers to pay more than everyone else. That's unfair and discriminatory.

Keeping in contact with those who are incarcerated has proven to be one of the most effective tools for a prisoner's rehabilitation and success upon release. The politicians and prison officials publicly trumpet the benefits of keeping prisoners and their families connected, but behind closed doors they collude with predatory telephone companies to exploit this critical service. In Michigan, the state and telephone company are generating \$10 million annually over and above the necessary cost of providing the actual inmate telephone service.

The FCC should protect consumers from just this type of predatory behavior. Please put a cap on inmate telephone rates and stop this abuse on those who can least afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



DORIS DYER

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DEAR: CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI

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I HOPE THIS LETTER FIND YOU AND YOURS IN THE BEST OF HEALTH, AND UNDER THE LORDS MANY BLESSINGS.

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO SHARE MY STORY, ON HOW THE HIGH COST OF PRISON CALLS HAS AFFECTED MY FAMILY & FRIENDS & MYSELF. MY FAMILY AND FRIEND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THEIR FOR ME EVEN AFTER MY CIRCUMSTANCES .WE WHERE CLOSE & EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS WE TRY TO REMAIN CLOSE.THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONLY THE DISTANCE IN MILES THAT SEPERATE US,BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE CANN'T COMMUNICATE AS WE ALWAYS DID.

YES I KNOW THAT I COMMITTED A CRIME.BUT WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY MY FAMILY HAS TO PAY FOR MY MISTAKE.I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT JAIL WAS TO REABILITATE US & REBUILD THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAD WITH OUR FAMILY.AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT OUR FAMILIES ARE TOLD.BUT I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THIS.BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO I FIND MYSELF AT THE OTHER END OF THE STATE,S.C.I. GREEN,WHEN MY FAMILY IS FROM BERKS COUNTY.THEY ARE NOT RICH,THEY ARE HARD WORKING TAX PAYING CITIZENS.

HERE IS MY STORY.I WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES WHO GOT SENT TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.THERE THE LITTLE MONEY FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS SENT TO ME ALLOWED ME TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO CALL HOME FREQUENTLY,DUE TO THE CHEAP COST OF CALLS.I LOST MY FATHER TO CANCER,WHICH WAS A VERY TRAMATIC TIME FOR ME.BUT WITH THE LOVE & SUPPORT OF FAMILY & FRIENDS I MADE IT THROUGH THAT RUFF PATCH,& WAS EVEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUNERAL SERVICE.ALSO MY SISTER YEIM COLON HAS A FOUR(4) YEAR OLD DAUGHTER,WHO I LOVE DEARLY,& WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO ON A REGULAR BASIS WHEN I WAS IN MICHIGAN.SHE WAS ONLY TWO(2) YEARS OLD AT THE TIME,BUT KNEW MY VIOCE DUE TO THE FREQUENEY OF MY CALLS.NOW SHE IS SHY & TIMID WHEN SPEAKING TO ME BECAUSE I CANN'T AFFORD TO CALL FREQUENTLY ANY MORE.MY SISTER LIVES IN VA. & I CALL COLLECT,SO SHE ENDS UP PAYING A SMALL FORTUNE IN COLLECT CALLS FROM ME.

ALSO MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTERGOT SO USED TO HEARING MY VOICE WHEN I USED TO CALL FROM MICHIGAN THAT WHEN I CAME BACK TO PA. IT DEVASTED HER WHEN I COULDN'T AFFORD TO CALL HER.SHE WROT ME A LETTER & TOLD ME SHE MISSED SPEAKING TO ME & KEPT ASKING WHY I DIDN'T CALL ANYMORE.SHE EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TELLING ME SHE WOULD SAVE HER OWN ALLOWANCE MONEY & SEND IT TO ME SO THAT I COULD CALL HER.IT ALSO BREAKS MY MOTHERS HEART THAT I CAN NO LONGER CALL HER ON A REGULAR BASIS.

CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI I UNDERSTAND THAT WE MUST PAY FOR OUR CRIMES,WHEATHER WE DID THEM OR NOT,BUT I WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE NOT MY FAMILY.I'VE LOST MY FREEDOM,WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO LOSS MY FAMILY?I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO THEM ON REGULAR BASIS,BUT CANN'T DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF THE CALLS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & PATIENCE IN THIS MATTER.I HOPE THAT YOU CAN HELP, NOT ONLY ME & MINE,BUT ALL OF US WHO ARE IN CARCERATED WHO HAVE FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO STILL LOVE US.

RESPECTFULLY,



ABIMAEAL CASIANO #GK-8608
175 PROGRESS DRIVE
WAYNESBURG,PA.15370

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Ronald Williams, GB-7178
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, Pa 15370

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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)

The high cost of the prison phone call are extremely expensive here at SCI-Greene. It is over \$5 per 15 minute phone call within the state limits and up to \$15 to call to any neighboring states.

I personally Have experienced hardships when trying to reach my family and friends during vital times. I feel as if it is almost impossible to stay in contact with my wife on a weekly basis and still purchase food and cosmetics. My family are already experiencing troubles with income, so staying in touch with me has become a huge burden.

I do not wish to take toomuch of your time Mr. Chairman, I just sincerely ask of you to help me and others as well with this gruesome phone situation.

Respectfully Yours,

Ronald Williams

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Boymah Traub CJ-0593
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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

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

Dear Mr. Chairman Julius Genachowski:

I am writing you this letter in hopes that change can be made with regards to these overly expensive phone prices. I am from Philadelphia and I am currently incarcerated at S.C.I. Greene which is located in the Western part of Pennsylvania. I've been at this jail since August of 1999, and these expensive phone prices has taken its due toll upon me and my loved ones. It has been and still is difficult to maintain communications with them. I am 5½ hrs. away from Philadelphia and I pay around \$5.55 per phone call, this price is for the pre-paid phone cards that we can purchase from the Commissary. My family pays \$6.25 for collect calls. The average paying job here pays .35¢ an hour, 6 hrs a day, which totals \$2.10 a day making total pay per month \$42.00. For some of us there is a 20% deduction for Court fines (Act 84), bringing the monthly income to \$33.60. After this 20% deduction there's the monthly toiletries and food. The cheapest phone card available for us to purchase is \$10.60 (sales tax included), this is if our family members phones don't accept collect calls. A \$10.00 phone card gets you almost two whole phone calls. This only enables one to call home twice during that month. If we take into consideration we'll be calling our parent(s), sibling(s), children etc. it is impossible to maintain any healthy relationship with anyone on the outside because of these overly expensive phone rates. The purposes for incarceration is firstly protection for the community then punishment of the perpetrator of the crime then comes rehabilitation. Part of rehabilitation is having healthy communications with the outside world. Instead of our incarceration being a punishment with steps toward rehabilitation incarceration has turned into a business slogan - "Inmates: Products that make us money".

As for my personal experience. As stated above, it has been hard. I still have my mother and also two younger siblings, a brother and sister, who try to maintain the ties. I speak with my mother as much as I am able, it has not been the same with my siblings and others. Over the last three years I've held five conversations with my brother and I haven't seen him since I've been at S.C.I. Greene, he has three children that I've never met and I've spoken to his oldest twice, the other two I don't even know, the situation with my sister is similar. I speak with her and her children more because of her location. However, its still a hardship. Once we are incarcerated our loved ones also become incarcerated in a sense, they have to endure the emotional and physical absence of the loved one who's incarcerated. They are already suffering emotionally they should not have to suffer financially as well. The Economy is in "The Toilet" as they say, who has the finances to pick up an extra bill? If I were to call my mother,

brother, and sister two times each every week I would be paying a total of \$133.20 a month, this is my purchase of phone cards from the commissary, but when it's from my family's end the bill is \$150.00. Either way this is looked at my family is still paying the bill. And now our phone system has changed. Global Tel-Link has kidnapped the phone system, and we are literally forced to set up an independent account for collect calls. This means that on top of our family paying their regular phone bill that has a long distance carrier they have to set up an account to receive collect calls from the prisons. If this is a crime, then what is!? Something has to change. How are we to be productive people within our communities upon our release when it is so difficult to maintain healthy communications with the outside world. How can one function in a society he or she is disconnected from and unfamiliar with?

In closing, I ask you to take into consideration all of the above mentioned and reign in the out of control monster called GTL (Global Tel-Link). Enclosed is a Notice from GTL and also a memo from our in house phone operator. Thank you for listening to an individual who's frustrated with these exuberant phone prices.

Sincerely,


Boyamah Traub

PHONE ISSUE - COLLECT CALLS

The collect issue is still being addressed by GTL, and until we are formally informed of the cause and solution I will not have any further information. I will update everyone as I am updated. I believe this has been caused by the switch over to the new GTL Advance Auto-Pay system, and thus resulting in called parties not being able to receive collect calls due to their previous billing arrangements. So in turn, I believe the end result will be these phone numbers inmates are having collect issues with, will just simply need to set up a GTL account.

Again, I am just speculating as this is not 100% confirmed and when I have more information I will provide. Until then please tell your inmates, that we are aware of the issue and there is no need to send multiple requests for this issue. They can try calling their people using their debit funds if have any, and can pass along the GTL 1-888-385-9366 # in case they want to try and get it resolved potentially sooner.

Thanks,

Ron Nopwasky | Site Administrator
Inmate Phones | ShawnTech Communications, Inc.

Memo put out by Phone Operator



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NOTICE

Enhanced Service for Family and Friends for Inmate Telephone Calling

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:

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.

Payments to an AdvancePay account can be made by:

- Using a MasterCard or Visa branded credit or debit card online at 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!

Toll Free Number: 1-888-385-9366 • Fax Number: 251-473-2802

Hours of operation:
Monday-Friday, 8am to Midnight, EST
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 8pm, EST

Mailing Address:
AdvancePay Service Dept.
Department 911722
Denver, Colorado 80291-172

Website: www.offenderconnect.com

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Mr. David Lee #AS3041
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112
October 19, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
455 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Pleasant Greetings:

Sir, I am writing you at this time to express the urgent need to have the outrageous telephone prices reduced. I have been in prison for over 24 years, and the telephone rates are draining my loved ones. I understand the business aspects of the phone system, but at some point, the human side must be considered as well. The current system not only exploits us as prisoners, but our families and others who love and care about us.

A few years ago PA prisoners were sent to Michigan due to an out of state contract. The men whom were sent to Michigan actually paid less to make a telephone call than those of us in PA. They were paying under \$2.00 per call. While we pay over \$5.00 per call. (They were calling from Michigan to PA.) Something is drastically wrong with such a system, and I am praying that something is done to correct this injustice.

The enormous phone bills my family has had to endure over the years is nothing less than exploitative of those whom love us, and wish to speak with us. Please help us in the very serious matter. Thank You!

Sincerely

David Lee #AS3041

David Lee

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Jose M. Feliciano
CA-5085
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA. 15370

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

October 23, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Genechoski,

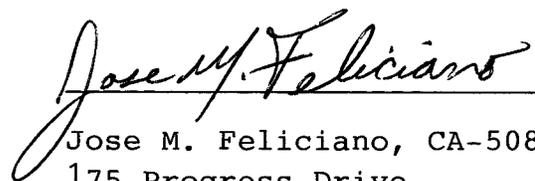
I have been incarcerated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since May 15, 1992, and I would like to tell you my experience with the Prison Telephone Rates and the effects it has had on me and my family.

Since 1992 my family has done everything they could to assure that I had sufficient funds to be able to make a phone call, if only once (1) a week. They would always say that I should not allow the system to disconnect me with them, my children and my love ones. My mother and father would do their best to keep me able to speak with my children, because in his words, "they need you now, more than ever." Throughout the years times got harder and the cost of paying for my calls became a burden on everyone. When my dad lost his job, due to the economy, he was so depressed that he had let me down, that my mom told me he took out a loan, just so that he could continue sending me money so that I could continue to talk with him and my children. Unfortunately, he became "delinquent" and the loan he took became just another burden on him. He lost weight because he fell into a deeper depression and this, in turn, caused me to fall into a state of depression of my own. Communication with my family only became worst when I was transferred to the "other side" of the state, only to be punished further. My visitation became nonexistent and I lost all communication with my children. I would write as often as

I could, but there was nothing like the sound of ones voice to help bring ease and the feeling of being loved to a child. Nevertheless, the children got older, my sister and brother past away, and I wasn't even able to talk with them before they left Us.

Sir, the cost of talking to my mother and father is \$9.25 cents for only fifteen minutes. Of those fifteen minutes, a recording interrupts the call at a minimum of four times, to remind of that the call comes from and correctional institution, is being recorded and will terminate if three way or call waiting devices are used. Never mind that a big red sign on every wall where the phones are located state the same as the recording. Just recently I found out, from my cousin, that my mother was sending me money when she received her S.S.I check, not worrying about herself or paying the rent, as long as she was able to hear from me, if only once a week. She couldn't do that anymore and when I would call home she would hang up and not except my calls. I wanted to tell her that I truly understood, but she was so sad that she had failed me, that she cried everyday. Especially on Fridays, when we would always talk, and we couldn't. Visiting me was out of the question, since a trip all the way from New York, where my entire family reside, is over eight (8) hours away.

I plead with you Sir Chairman, to intervene and help put a cap on Prison Phone Rates so that the phone companies are banned from charging us the exorbitant prices that they charge us and our families.



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Waynesburg, PA. 15370

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Dear Chairman Genachowski;

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As an inmate in the Pa. Department of Corrections working for mere pennys per hour it is almost impossible for me to contact my children and other family members on a regular basis.

One fifteen (15) minute phone call costs over Five (5) dollars. I try to coordinatate my calls to be able to speak to everyone at the same time which is also virtually impossible since my children are all in different places.

I live on a very limited income with very little outside help and my family also live on a fixed income and therefore, can not afford to accept more than one or two collect calls per month. The phone company knows this is our only form of contact other than letters and charge exorbitant amounts for phone calls and we as inmates, as well as our family, are left with no alternative.

I, among thousands of other inmates and countless friends and family members across the nation would be grateful for anything you do to stop phone company from padding their pockets

with our very limited funds.

Sincerely,

Tracy Fletcher

BF15-17

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

I am a female, 40 yr old inmate in a Florida state prison.
My Mother, sisters, and Aunts, who are my emotional
and financial support, live in S.C., N.C., and Maryland.
To call them is a financial strain yet is very needed
in order to get through my time successfully.

It would be a great help to my family, which
consists of retired school teachers, retired federal
worker, a small business owner, and a bank
employee, to be able to pay rates comparable to
what they pay to call people who aren't in prison.
Remember that our family already provides inmates
with the money to purchase deodorant, snacks, and
other needs from prison commissary. High phone rates
are a burden and penalty to those who aren't
incarcerated, but merely love & support an incarcerated
person.

Please make prison phone rates competitive and
comparable to the public phone rates.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolinda Zimmerman

Yolinda Zimmerman

Inmate # 154212

Lowell Correctional Institution

1120 NW Gainesville Road

Ocala, FL 34482

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Dear chairman Julius Genachowski **FCC Mail Room**

#45273

Greetings Sir, my name is Ricky Brady

I'm an inmate at mt. olive cc in W.V. Sir, my letter to you is in regarding the Prison Phone "System GtL". Sir, "GtL" is highly over charging my family with an rate of \$ 12.14 Per 15 min phone call and we are in the same state.

Sir I truly do believe this is highly unfair to my family who are retired and just simply cannot afford these unheard of prices.

Sir I'm not the only troubled inmate in this matter, sir the numbers are great in which I'm sure that you are well informed of. Sir your help is greatly needed at this time.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Ricky Brady # 45273

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October, 17, 2002 FCC Mail Room

Alfonzo Exum #JB 3278

175 progress Drive

Waynesburg, Pa, 15370

Dear, Chairman Julius benachowski:

I write to you regarding the phone situation in pennsylvania state jails since I've been incarcerated in pennsylvania state prison's, my family have struggled to pay the phone bill do to the high cost of call's both direct, and collect while in the same state. yet in michigan phone calls were only (0.60) to anywhere in the country. I really don't think it's fair that my family have to pay the high cost of (\$25) a call while in the same state. And to accept a call if cost (\$200) or something in that range. I want hold you up anymore. Just want you to know I truly appreciate what you and your organization are doing for us in the prison system. Thank you for your time, and concern.
Peace & Blessing's

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski, 10/20/12

I am an inmate in the Pa. Department of Corrections and make less than sixty dollars per month. For me to make one telephone call for fifteen minutes costs me nearly six dollars, or 10 percent of my monthly income.

The phone company here, Global Tel Link, no longer allows my friends and family members to accept collect calls because they all subscribe to Verizon. I, personally haven't been able to call anyone in over a month. I can't afford to purchase phone time through commissary. My friends and family can't afford to set up a pre-paid account with Global-Tel Link and pay for the same call twice.

It's not only unfair to us as inmates and our friends and family members but it is also Global Tel Link monopolizing the phone calls which is illegal. It's time for a change and it starts with you!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Miller
6A 1595

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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
PUBLIC COMMENTS
445 12TH ST. S.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI:

I AM A 12-30 YA. PRISONER IN THE OHIO PRISON SYSTEM. I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR 6 YEARS, DURING WHICH I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PERSONALLY SPEAK WITH MY FAMILY MEMBERS. I AM NOW 71, HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS, AM THE FATHER OF SEVEN CHILDREN (WITH ONE WIFE) AND THE GRAND-FATHER OF 23. Interstate phone costs are outrageously high in Ohio prisons and I AM A VICTIM OF BLATANT PROFITEERING BY PRISON MANAGEMENT AND PRIVATE PHONE COMPANIES — A PROBLEM FREE CITIZENS DO NOT HAVE AS A RESULT OF THE FEDERAL BREAKUP OF THE BELL SYSTEM MONOPOLY.

IT CURRENTLY COSTS ME \$15⁰⁰ TO MAKE AN AVERAGE PHONE CALL TO MY HOME STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. SINCE I AM ALLOWED TO KEEP ONLY \$15⁰⁰ A MONTH FOR ALL LIVING EXPENSES IN PRISON SUCH AS SOAP, POSTAGE, VITAMINS, RAZORS, TOOTH PASTE AND

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THE LIKE, THERE IS NO WAY TO MAKE
PHONE calls, Even if I could call "collect"
the additional \$15⁰⁰ fee is prohibitive
even if my FAMILY COULD AFFORD IT.

I URGE YOU TO GIVE RELIEF TO US
WHO ARE IMPRISONED BY OAD.

Thank you,

Richard M Gibbs

RICHARD M. GIBBS

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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

455 12TH STREET, SW

WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

20554 ~

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

SIR, IT IS TIME TO REGULATE PRISON/JAIL PHONE CALLS, NO OTHER SERVICE ENJOYS SUCH AN OPENLY PREDATORY MONOPOLY. SIMPLY STATED, IT IS WRONG, IT FLIES IN THE FACE OF THE COMPETITIVE AMERICAN SPIRIT, INSTEAD REWARDING THE GREEDIEST OF COMPANIES AND PRISON/JAIL ADMINISTRATIONS. V.A.C WHICH IS THE PHONE SYSTEM CARRIER WHERE I AM INCARCERATED CHARGES \$5.50 TO CONNECT LONG DISTANCE PLUS .75 CENT A MINUTE. WITH THE MAJORITY OF MY FAMILY OUT OF STATE THIS IS A SERIOUS HARDSHIP ESPECIALLY AS THIS FACILITY DOES NOT ALLOW US TO RECIEVE LETTERS THROUGH THE U.S.P.S. I HAVE ALREADY LOST BOTH OF MY GRANDFATHERS NEITHER OF WHOM I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO BEFORE THEIR PASSING, BECAUSE OF THE COSTS OF CALLS, MY GRANDMOTHER WHOM IS EXPECTED TO PASS ANY DAY NOW AND IS SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AS I WRITE THIS WILL NOT HEAR FROM HER GRANDSON AGAIN BEFORE SHE DIES BECAUSE OF THE \$20+ CHARGE FOR A SIMPLE PHONE CALL. I COULD CALL, AND MY CALL WOULD BE ACCEPTED, MY AUNT WHO CARES FOR MY GRANDMOTHER WOULD THEN HAVE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO PAY THE PHONE BILL OR PAY FOR HER M.S. MEDICATION, BUT I CANNOT DO THAT. THIS HAS REAL EFFECTS UPON REAL PEOPLE. IT IS TIME TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.

SINCERELY,

JASPER RUSHING

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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445 12th St. SW
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Todd Tarselli
BY-8025
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

October 24, 2012

RE:Inquiry into filing a complaint

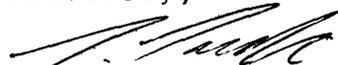
Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski,

I wish to inquire into how I may file a complaint against T-Netix Telecommunications regarding unfair phone rates and/or monopoly on prison phone rates.

Please forward me any information/forms you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your quick response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Todd Tarselli

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Mr. Chris Briggman
Inmate # BM-7109
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

October 24, 2012

Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
c/o: Julius Genachowski, Chairman
455 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear, Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing you about the concerns I have with the high cost of a phone call here in Pennsylvania's State Correctional Institutions throughout this State. We're currently paying \$5.15 for a 15 minute phone call that's if we have the funds to pay for a pre-paid calling card. If an inmate calls collect then it's \$6.20 on our families phone bill for a 15 minute call, furthermore, that cost doubles for those inmates who are calling out of State. This inmate phone system has been a heavy burden not only for me and my family and friends but for the entire population of inmates in the Pennsylvania State Prison System. My Grandmother is 97-years old and on a fixed income, with my prison pay being .42¢ an hour, six hours a day I can barely afford to call her once a month.

Sir, I'm trying to find a solution to the high cost of these inmate calls. I'm trying to understand how inmates shipped from Pennsylvania to the State of Michigan where able to call anywhere in the U.S.A. at a rate of \$1.80 a call for 15 minutes and we are in State and it cost us \$5.15 for the same time spent on the phone. I'm not asking just for me but for everyone that this problem effects. Is there a solution to the high cost of the phones calls that we've been dealing with for years and they are only getting higher and higher?

Thank you for your time and consideration given to this matter. If there is anything I need to do to help you assist us here please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Chris Briggman
Chris Briggman

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TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski
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From: Eric Brooks BU-2766
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

Sir, I'm writing to find out if you have a solution to the high cost of a call here in Pennsylvania that we must endure in the institutions throughout this state. This system has been a heavy burden not only for me and my family but for the entire population of inmates here in PA. We're currently paying \$5.15 for a 15 minute call that's if we have the funds to pay for a Pre-Paid calling card if we call collect then it's \$6.20 on our families bill for 15 minutes, and that cost gets even higher for those inmates who are calling out of state.

Sir, I'm trying to understand how inmates were shipped out to Michigan, to help with the increase of the population that all calls were only \$1.80 and that's to call anywhere in the USA. So, I'm asking not just for me but for everyone that this problem effects is there a solution to the high cost of the calls that we been dealing with for years and they're only getting higher and higher. I don't need help we all need help with this problem the inmate population as well as our love ones.

Thank you for taking the time to read my issue I hope that you can help me in this matter

Thank You

Eric Brooks

BU-2766



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

Matthew Clarke # 478025
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Kosharon, TX 77583-8817

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to support the Wright Petition. I have been a Texas state prisoner for 25 years. Texas state prisoners are not paid for their labor. Thus, money is always tight. Therefore, the high costs of using the prisoner phone system in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)--29¢ per minute for in-state calls and 41¢ a minute for out-of-state calls--is a difficult burden for me and my family to bear.

My wife is a biology professor at a small Christian private college in Tennessee. Because of the distance, the fact that professors at small private colleges are not paid large salaries and the fact that she is the primary caregiver for a frail elderly parent, we are unable to visit in person as much as we would like. This leaves the telephone as an important way for us to maintain our relationship.

As I said, the telephone is important and it is much better to have a telephone, even an expensive one, than not to have one at all. However, even limiting myself to two 20-minute phone calls a weeks with my wife, our phone bill for those nine calls alone exceed \$70 per month. Because of this large expense, I am only rarely able to call my father and stepmother, who live in Arkansas, or my other relatives. This is especially sad as my father and step mother have medical conditions which prevent them visitin_g in person.

Chairman Genachowski, I am not adverse to a private company making money from services rendered. However, to charge rates which exceed those charged customers in the free world by a thousand percent while offering "commissions" to public entities such as TDCJ as an incentive to allow the exorbitant rates is unconscionable. In a situation such as Texas, where inmates are not paid, it merely serves to drain the already stresses financial resources of the prisoners' families. Please give the Wright Petition due consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Matthew Clarke

To: Chairman Genachowski, F.C.C.

From: Joseph Tetelman 296124
State Prison
Trenton, NJ 08625-0861

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Date: 10-20-2012

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

Sir:

I would just like to express that these prison phone rates cause further alienation between many prisoners and their families, it hurts the children more than anyone most of whom come from low income backgrounds. Many of these kids need to be able to talk to their fathers who can encourage them to live right and not make the same mistakes we did. Many of us will never see freedom again and our families are rarely able to make the long drive to the prison or accept expensive collect calls, I feel every human needs some communication with their loved ones, to hear my children's voices and for them to hear mine. Unfortunately their mother is unable to afford it.

Sincerely,

J Tetelman

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Federal Communications Commission
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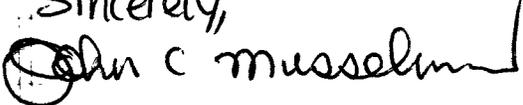
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

October 25, 2012

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128). During my 13½ years of incarceration, I've witnessed both immediate and long-term benefits for prisoners who are privileged enough to be able to phone friends and family on a regular basis. I use the word "privileged" because between the state of our country's economy and the exorbitant rates charged to make these calls, you truly must be privileged to call often. Poor families make large sacrifices to speak with an incarcerated loved one. But the actual advantages to the prisoners who can call often go far beyond the scope one might consider.

Perhaps the most overlooked benefit of regular phone calls from prisoners to friends and family is hope. For those who have strong bonds maintained through regular phone calls, they have hope. Prison is a cesspool of negativity in which hope is nearly impossible to find! And hope, as it turns out, is critical to avoiding violence in prison. The storehouse of self-respect and pride that a person finds in family and community can ward off the shame and humiliation that lead prisoners to violence while incarcerated. The by-product of hope: increased safety and security of almost 800,000 correctional officers, line officers, and other staff in the country's jails and prisons, as well as the safety of

Phone calls are a luxury most cannot afford on a regular basis. Therefore its benefits in prisoner rehabilitation are not fully realized. Until States of agencies, such as yours, enact strict guidelines limiting the gouging of prices for these calls, we and our families are at the mercy of a monopoly (i.e. Global Tel*Link). My family and I hope you will help us in this matter! Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

John C. Musselman

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

Dear Mr Genachowski:

Please make every effort to reduce interstate telephone rates for prisoners nationwide. While California has recently taken steps to reduce interstate rates from \$15.00 to \$7.50, that is still an unnecessary burden which falls primarily on the inmates families.

I personally know of cases where inmates' families have had their phones disconnected due to huge telephone bills that were impossible to pay.

States, counties and local jails, while they doubtless need additional sources of revenue to pay for their operating costs should not be given free rein to victimizing inmates and their families.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Kenneth Sterling

13.5 million people who spend time in jail or prison over the course of a year.

Phonecalls made also smooth the process of reentry and make it more likely that prisoners will succeed after release. While 95 percent of those incarcerated will eventually return to the street, and ^{with} the overcrowding of institutions, you would think prison administrators would want to encourage these bonds. Instead prison directors use telephone contracts to seek income for state general funds or corrections budgets, rather than ensuring family unification. Maintaining bonds with the community is essential, for these are the individuals who will help prisoners successfully reenter society and prevent recidivism. Most prisons are located in rural areas in which regular visits are not possible, so affordable phone calls are vital.

Finally, there is the incentive factor. Many prisons and jails revoke phone calling (and visiting) privileges for inmates who cause disciplinary problems. However, if one cannot afford these privileges the loss is inconsequential. I've observed decisions made based on the possibility that those incentives might be revoked. If more could afford to make phone calls, the incentives would apply to more than the minority who's families can afford to pay for those calls!

As it is, The Arizona Department of Corrections receives money for visitor's application fees, commissions on phone contracts, monthly utilities charges, room and board fees (for the minority earning over \$2.00 per hour), inmate trust account fees, commissary commissions, ~~and~~ fees for certain programs offered to rehabilitate offenders, and medical copayments.

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Nelson Birdwell

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175 Progress Drive

Waynesburg, PA 15370

October 23, 2012
Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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

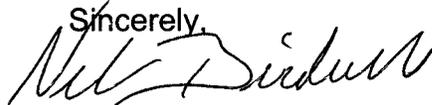
I'm incarcerated at SCI-Greene, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For me to call home (in-state) is \$5.41 through a pre-paid calling card sold in the prison commissary and \$6.00 to call collect (15 minute call). My mother is disabled--can't work, can't drive--so the only contact I have with her is phone calls. The very little money she has from disability, she has to budget and go without so that I can call once per week.

I was one of the 1,000 inmates shipped to Michigan due to Pennsylvania's overcrowding. Phone calls from Michigan to my mother's home in Pennsylvania were only \$1.80 for the same 15 minute call. I don't understand why we don't have the same rates here, IN-STATE, when the out-of-state calls from Michigan to Pennsylvania were so much cheaper.

There are people that I can't call because they can't afford the cost. My father, who lives in Florida, is ill with liver problems and can't work. We have almost no contact because a call to Florida from PA prisons cost \$10.00.

I hope something can be done because all they do is take advantage of our situation and call us criminals. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,



Nelson Birdwell

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OCT. 24, 2012

EDWARD SCHULER # 140938
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT
10 PRISON CIRCLE
CALICO ROCK AR 72519.

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

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

I AM AN INMATE IN THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, ALLOWS SUCH HIGH TELEPHONE RATES FOR PRISONS/JAILS. MY FAMILY LIVES ON A FIXED INCOME, AND THE EXPENSES THAT OCCUR WHEN I CALL HOME, COLLECT IS APPROX. \$27.95 FOR 15 MINUTES, IF THEY GO WITH THE PRE-PAID OPTION THE FIRST MINUTE COST \$4.45, (THAT IS JUST TO ACCEPT THE CALL, PLUS \$.45 PER EACH ADDITIONAL MIN. PLUS TAX THE CALL RUNS \$15.65. MY ENTIRE FAMILY IS NOT IN GOOD HEALTH, MY GRANDMOTHER, 96 YR OLD, IS DIABETIC, AND BLIND, SO THERE IS NO WAY SHE CAN TAKE A CALL, FROM ME. MY MOTHER IS 72, WITH A BAD HEART. AND BOTH MY SISTERS ARE WITH LIFE THREATENING ILLNESSES, THEY ALL RECEIVE SS./SSI.

I AM FORCED TO NOT HAVE CONTACT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH TOLL ON CALLS.

THE PRISONS, GET AN AVERAGE OF \$1.00 PER LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS. ITS A KICK BACK, THAT THEY GET FROM GLOBAL TEL LINK, AND A SCAM, TO STEAL FROM INMATES. AS AN ARKANSAS INMATE I RECEIVE NO PAY FOR MY SERVICES THAT I PERFORM FOR THE PRISON. ON THAT MEANS MY FAMILY HAS TO ENDURE THE WHOLE EXPENSE, OF HIGH COST PHONE CALLS, PLUS MEDICAL EXPENSES, AS WELL AS BUYING MY NEEDED ITEMS, FOR EVERY DAY LIVING. IN STATE CALLS COST \$3.12 FOR THE FIRST MINUTE. 12 C. EACH ADDITION MIN PLUS TAX. X 15 MIN = \$5.60

PREPAID PHONE CALLS SHOULD NOT BE ANY MORE THAN WHAT IT COST. FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL YOUR LOVED ONES, THERE ARE PLANS THAT COST AS LITTLE AS 5¢ PER SOME HAVE \$1.3¢ PER MIN.

THERE (GTA) ALLOWED TO HOLD THE MONOPOLY OF PRISON PHONE CALLS BECAUSE THE KICK MONEY BACK TO THE PRISONS. THERE IS VERY LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHEN SOME ONE IS LOCKED UP IN PRISON/JAILS, ITS ALL ABOUT ROBBING THE POOR.

Thank you for your

time
Sincerely

Edward Schuler.

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To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
455 12TH Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

from: 1100 PIKE Street
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Sir, the cost for calls threw out the state of Pennsylvania are not the same at all. When the inmates from Pennsylvania were shipped out of state to Michigan, to help with the increase of the population in this state of PA. ALL THERE CALLS WERE only \$1.80 and that was to call anywhere in the USA. SO I WOULD LIKE SOME TYPE OF HELP WITH THIS MATTER AT HAND.

THANK YOU for taking some time out to read this letter. I HOPE you can help us out with this issue!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

JERMAINE SMITH
DN-0886

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10/25/2012

Christopher Welch

Inmate # K 3661

P.O. Box 200

Camp Hill, PA 17001

Chairman Julius Genachowski

Federal Communications Commission - Public Comment

445 12th St., S.W.,

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Wright Petition (CC Packet # 96-128) "This letter is public comment for the above petition."

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to explain the impact on high phone costs. I pray you give me a minute to review this letter that comes from my heart. My father is currently dying of colon cancer, and is in the last stage. The only way I keep in touch with my father is by telephone. He's too sick to visit, and finds it unbearable to write letters. Unlike myself, my father is a good one of a kind man who retired from the United States Marine Corps. My father helps me out on what he can as far as money in prison. The money he sends me goes to calling him. My father would like to speak with me more as he's near his death as well as I would like to speak to him.

End

The phone rates implemented by Global Tel LITVIL are flat out ridiculous. I contacted Global Tel LITVIL to see if they offered discounts to Veterans by mail, and I didn't even get a response from them. I'm sure there are other prisoners in my position or even worse. "We need (prisoners' families) need your help with this problem?" This problem is just not with my father but as well with my entire family. The part with my father is what affects me most though. I'm begging you to take action on this issue. I would like to thank you for your patience, and time in reading this letter. May your upcoming holidays be blessed. Have a good day!

Sincerely,

Mr. Christopher Welch

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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Keeping in contact with those who are incarcerated has proven to be one of the most effective tools for a prisoner's rehabilitation and success upon release. The politicians and prison officials publicly trumpet the benefits of keeping prisoners and their families connected, but behind closed doors they collude with predatory telephone companies to exploit this critical service. In Michigan, the state and telephone company are generating \$10 million annually over and above the necessary cost of providing the actual inmate telephone service.

The FCC should protect consumers from just this type of predatory behavior. Please put a cap on inmate telephone rates and stop this abuse on those who can least afford it.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brittany Buzzett
Brittany Buzzett
3412 Wallace Ct. Apt. 3
Grandville MI 49418
10/26/12

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

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Sincerely,



Devonstae I. Dyer

4051 IVANBEST
GRANDVILLE, MI 49418

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Sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
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Washington, District of Columbia
20554

October 21, 2012

RE: "THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR WRIGHT-PETITION (CC Docket #96-128)."

Dear Chairman,

Here, since taking over the telephone services in Pennsylvania, by Global Tel * Link, Corporation in 2007, they, for one, contracted for "one price" then charge another price altogether. Example the "local" phone call was contracted at \$1.60 and when I was charged \$3.80 and questioned them about it, they wrote (which writing I have) that it was due to local, state and federal taxes. Which does not add up. This remains true with all call service fees.

Secondly, they contracted to "reimburse" everyone for cut-off calls but refuse to do so.

Third, we purchase "pre-paid" calling cards at commissary with the taxes already included in the prices, yet when we make the calls, we are again charged again the taxes we just paid. **Double-taxing us.**

The fact that the prices are astronomical and price-gouging to start with is egregious enough, let alone the shannagans of these unlawful, unfair and corrupt operations of their phone services without concern for anyone stepping up to confront them about it in fear to stop any of it.

I have been to both of Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission and Commonwealth Court and appeals to no avail.

Because the Governor's Office of Administration contracted with GTL the DOC says they have no say so to stop any of this. Which I have in writing too.

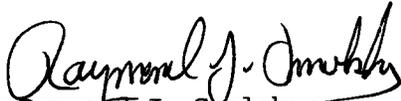
The kick-back scheme committed by the State's politicians is illegal. The government is not a business nor should be using tax payers money to fund or operate one. They wouldn't charge free-citizens extra phone or utility fees so why kick-backs from the poor, helpless prisoners and their families?

I can only pray your Commission intervenes for right and justice equally

for all consumers of utility services in the entire United States of America and stops these horrid abuses once and for all.

Thank you for your divided attention to this new single letter piece of evidence in support of Wright's Petition in hopes of it enabling you to act justly and God Bless America. I remain sincerely.

Very Truly Yours,


Raymond J. Sholsky

RJS/File

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Dear Chairman Menachowski,

10/22/12

OCT 31 2012

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I am writing this note to express my, and many other inmates outrage of the exorbitantly high cost of prison phone calls. As you may know, continued communication with friends and family is vital to rehabilitation.

Thankyou for your interest

Sincerely,

Guy Rowe Colorado Doc# 148221

Guy Rowe

TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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FR: Gregory Thomas # 85-6309
SCI-Huntingdon
1100 Pike St.
Huntingdon, PA 16654

DATE: 10-00-12

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing this letter to implore you to support lower cost of calls made from prison. The high cost of prison calls, collect & prepaid calls have become an imposing burden on myself & family. What's notable is, in Pennsylvania the State Department of Corrections wages for inmate jobs is 19 cents an hour for six hours of work a day; that equals \$22.00 dollars a month. The cheapest prepaid calling card an inmate can purchase from the jail's commissary is \$10.60. To make a 15 minute call to (Delaware) on a prepaid call cost \$9.20 per call. To call collect to (Delaware) it cost \$9.20 plus taxes per call. Global Tel Link is the service provider that has a monopoly on the Pennsylvania State Prison's phone system.

Also calls to Dearborn Hts, MI 48127
\$9.20

Despite, the primary phone carrier or long distance provider my family already has a binding contract with, I can not call them collect unless, they first set up an prepaid account with Global Tel Link due to G.T.L. placed collect blocks on all their phone lines. Which their prices and hidden fees are so exorbitant it equates to extortion! Those high rates prevent me from communicating with my family do to my family have other pressing responsibilities that prevent them from being able to afford the high rates on their fixed incomes. It's an injustice that my family & other less fortunate families are being punished because of the exploitation of a phone company that is preying on & taking advantage of our incarcerated circumstances. Regulating the high cost of prison calls to affordable rates is long overdue. I respectfully request your urgent attention in addressing the exploitation & this injustice so that the practice of our families being blatantly victimized by opportunist who are profiting off of our vulnerability can be curtailed. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gregory Thomas

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MR. Phillip Perdue FF-9102

1100 Pike ST

Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

TO: MR. Chairman Julius Genachowski

Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments

445 12th street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

October 23, 2012

Dear MR. Chairman Genachowski,

I would like to address to you the hard ship of the high cost of the Inmates Phone Calls to our family.

I am a long term ~~defender~~ and which I am housed in a different state. My Mother is unable to visit me because of her disability. I don't make good money nor do I receive money from family. I have a Job paying \$20 hour the cost of Commissary and Phone is to high for me to keep up. I need to keep in contact with my Mother by Phone, and just to here her voice keeps me happy. It's hard to keep in contact with her; because of the high cost of the Inmate Phone Service. What could be done to bring down the cost of our Service?

Thank you! I hope that you may reply. Sincerely, Phillip Perdue

TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
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FR: Curtis Manning #BA-1998
SCI-Huntingdon
1100 Pike St.
Huntingdon, PA 16654

DATE: 10-22-12

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

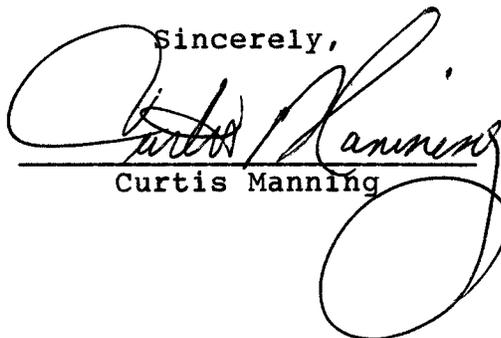
Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I'm compelled to write this letter to implore you to support lower cost of calls made from prison. Do to the high cost of prison calls; collect and prepaid calls have become a great burden on myself and family. What's highly notable is, in Pennsylvania the State Department of Corrections pay wages for inmate jobs is 19¢ an hour for six hours of work a day; that equals \$22.00 dollars a month. The cheapest prepaid calling card that a prisoner can purchase via the jail's commissary is \$10.60. To make a 15 minute call to Philadelphia on a a prepaid call cost \$5.15 per call. To call my family collect in Philadelphia it cost \$6.25 plus taxes per call. And to add insult to further injury, a phone company titled; Global Tel Link has a monopoly on the Pennsylvania State Prison's phone system.

And regardless of what primary phone carrier or long distance provider my family already has a contract with, I can't call them collect unless they first pay Global Tel Link to set up an prepaid account with them due to G.T.L. placed collect blocks on all their lines. Which their prices and hidden fees are so exorbitant (high) it equates to extortion! Which some of my family members are on fixed incomes so those high rates prevent me from communicating with them at all! And my wife, daughter, sisters and mother have other burdensome responsibilities that prevent them from being able to afford the high rates. Which adds further stress to my family being my family is very passionate about being supportive in my situation. Which, unfortunately I'm been in for the past 26 years and communicating with me is something that is very important to them and myself. It's an injustice that my family and other less fortunate families are being punished because of the exploitation of phone companies that are preying on and taking advantage of our incarcerated circumstances.

Regulating the high cost of prison calls to affordable rates is long overdue. In conclusion, I respectfully ask that you have some compassion for my family and other families that are being victimized by opportunist who's sole objective is to exploit and profit off of other people's misery. Your urgent attention in addressing this injustice is well needed and warranted! Your time & consideration in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Curtis Manning

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MICHAEL W. OWENS #149344 C-5 B-3i

POWHATAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER

STATE FARM, VIRGINIA 23160

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (F.C.C.)

ATTN: CHAIRMAN

445 12TH STREET, S.W.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

RE: COMPLAINT AGAINST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT
VENDOR GLOBAL TEL-LINK (GTL)

OCTOBER 23, 2012

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

GREETINGS! THIS CORRESPONDENCE SERVES AS A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITY, WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (VDOC) IN PROVIDING TELEPHONE SERVICES TO PRISONERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE VDOC.

GLOBAL TEL-LINK (GTL) HAS PROVIDED A DEBT CALL SERVICE FOR PRISONERS IN ALLOWING THEM TO DEPOSIT A

CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO ESTABLISH PRE-PAID TELEPHONE CALLS UNDER THAT SYSTEM.

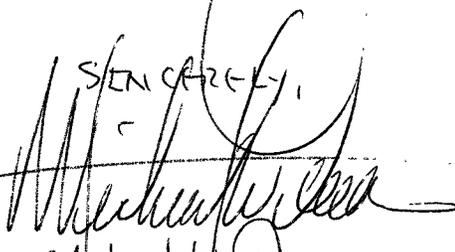
HOWEVER, THE PROCESS OF THE SYSTEM BECOMES AN ISSUE FOR REASONS OF HOW THESE FUNDS ARE COLLECTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTIONS. AND HOW GTL "PROCESS" THESE FUNDS. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT GTL AND THE VDOC ARE ACTING IN CONCERT WITH EACH OTHER (BY "STIPULATION" OF CONTRACT) IN COMMITTING CRIMINAL RACKETEERING UNDER FEDERAL RICO STATUTES IN MANIPULATING PRISONER MONEY FOR PRE-PAID DEBT CALLS IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED HEREIN.

IN SHOWING THIS IRREGULARITY. I MADE A REQUEST OF \$20.00 TO BE RELEASED FROM MY PRISON ACCOUNT. THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED ME BY RECEIPT ON OCTOBER 1, 2012. THE REQUEST WAS MADE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE. AS OF THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, GTL "CLAIMS" I HAVE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS IN ~~THE~~^{MY} DEBT ACCOUNT. DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN CLOSE TO THREE WEEKS, SINCE THE TIME THIS INSTITUTION SUPPOSEDLY "RELEASED" THE FUNDS TO GTL. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT GTL AND THE VDOC HAS WORKED OUT SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT IN HOLDING THESE FUNDS IN SOME FORM OF "ESCROW", OR IN AN ACCOUNT FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME IN AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT SOME FORM OF "INTEREST" FROM THOSE FUNDS. THEREBY, GTL AND THE VDOC "SPLIT" THE ~~PROCEEDS~~ "PROCEEDS", ALLOWING THE PRINCIPAL TO BE SENT TO

GTL TO BE PROCESSED BY GTL FOR DEBT USE BY THE PRISONERS.

IN CONCLUSION, I'VE TALKED TO SEVERAL PRISONERS ABOUT THIS ISSUE, AND SOME OF THEM SAID THAT THEY HAD TO WAIT UP TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE GTL WOULD PLACE THEIR MONEY ON THEIR DEBT ACCOUNTS. THIS OBVIOUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLY IS UNFAIR FOR REASONS THAT IF WE HAVE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL, VDOC POLICY FORBIDS PRISONERS TO USE INSTITUTIONAL PHONES TO MAKE OUTSIDE CALLS. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE 1) DEATH IN FAMILY 2) MEMBER OF FAMILY IS IN MILITARY AND AN OUTSIDE PHONE IS NEEDED TO CALL. THERE NEEDS TO BE AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS PRACTICE, BASED ON THE FACTS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

SEN. CAREY,

Michael W. Owens

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Oct. 20th

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

Pleasant greetings:

This is formally sent as a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96). My humble letter is merely sent in an effort to get some recourse in our quandary as prisoners who are pretty much forced to pay exorbitant phone fees. It's an onus because for some of us, a phone call will almost exceed what we're allocated by the state. Which is usually a stipend of between fourteen and fifteen dollars. So I'm forced to choose between a ten dollar phone card or cosmetics like soap, toothpaste or deodorant that I'll need to sustain me through the month. Not even mentioning a few food items that I'd like to purchase, but can't because we're only paid a few pennies. For me personally I've been incarcerated since the nineteen eighties and our prison wages ^{pennies} haven't increased since the nineties, despite the prices of everything going up. Moreover, I've basically lost my whole family and support due to death over the years. So Chairman Genachowski whatever type of redress you can give us to alleviate these excessive fees we pay would be greatly appreciated. For your time and anticipated cooperation.

Thank

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Re: This is a public comment for the Wright petition. CC # 96-128

Dear Chairman Menachowski,

I am an inmate at S.C.I. Huntington, and I'm writing to you concerning the above referenced Wright petition.

The inmate telephone system here is set up for collect calls, or prepaid calls. While I can't speak for how much collect calls are, I can say that one 15 minute phone call costs \$5.15. And if we have to use the payphone calling, the phone cards through the prison commissary cost 10.60, 15.90, 26.50 & \$300. We're only allowed to purchase \$106.00 in phone time per week. My pay, after money has been deducted for food costs is roughly 12.00 a month. The cost of phone calls is crazy, but we've had the mercy of the phone company. If there is anything you can do to help reduce the price of our calls, it would be most appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Date: 10-24-12

Brian Blaine