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Chairman Julius Genachowski
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Public Comments
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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

Hello Mr. Chairman. My name is David Lambert and my Pennsylvania Inmate Number is KD-2560. I am an inmate at SCI-GREENE located in Western Pennsylvania. In comment of the high prices of telephone calls, I must say that it is totally out rages. It cost app. \$5.00 and some odd change for a 15 minute phone call. Which is a tough pill to swallow for most of us inmates. It is very tough considering the fact that most of us don't have a in-house job, and there are plenty whom are on an extensive list waiting to be appointed a job. However, the inmates that does not have a job are placed in the General Labor Pool (GLP), in which we receive app. \$12-\$15 per month. This would be enough to buy a \$10.00 phone card and we'd be able to make one or two phone calls. Even with this being an option it is not quite the whole story. We must consider that this will only allow an individual to call home once a month. The rest of the story to consider is that this option mat not be available for many, because if an individual owes money to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, 10% of that is deducted. Also if an individual owes money for cost & fines or restitution, 20% is also deducted. Therefore, the situation puts a person below \$10.00 for the month and the cheapest phone card available is a \$10.00 card. Because of this, a person's opportunity to call home is no longer an option. As I reflect even further into this problem of high price telephone services, there remain another obstacle which causes friction in our situation. We are put in a situation where we must choose between purchasing a phone card or purchasing cosmetics. This D.O.C. does not provide soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, razor, shaving cream, Q-tips, deoderant, hair grease, and etc. So we are pressured into making very hard decisions, because most of us want to speak to our loved ones like our children, or our mothers, fathers, and grandparents. Most of our parents are older and they would love to speak to

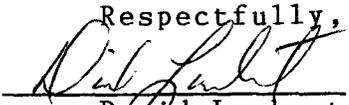
us also. One of my children, particularly speaking of my 12 year old daughter, asked me "Daddy why you don't be calling us?" The question broke my heart. So I explained to her the situation and further explained that I always write to her because of the phone situation. Then I told her to be sure to write me back and we can communicate via U.S. Mail. Mr. Chairman, that situation was also subject to change because of the cut backs that were made in the institution. When I first came to prison, which was only one year ago, we were being given 10 envelopes and free postage were reduces to 8. However, it doesn't stop there. Visitation has also been attacked. Visitation days wre, in the past, Sun-Sat. As months pasted, Tuesday was taken. Then Wednesday was also taken; followed by Monday. Our current visitation schedule is Thurs-Sun, which further does not allow us to communicate with loved ones. Not including the fact that I am from Philadelphia and I'm being held in Waynesburg, Pa.; which is a half an hour from W. Virginia. Not only is this Cruel and Unusual Punishment, but it is very oppressive. One must ask himself, "Is this a chess move in the bigger scheme of things to pressure one to buy phone cards, Are we being further punished by the D.O.C. after we have already been punished by the courts, Do we have any rights, why does my family have to suffer also, does the D.O.C. make commissions or get kickbacks for their participation, if so, where is this money going?"

In conclusion to these facts and these questions, I've formulated an opinion of these D.O.C. practices. They are oppressors, extortionist, a monopoly, and a corrupt organization in and of itself.

So one must ask himself, what is the best way to deal with this? My answer is to remain patient during these trying times. Also, I must be thankful that I was awoken to see another day. I also must be thankful that, by minimum, I am given three meals a day. I always reflect on the words of the late Dr. Martin Luther king Jr. He said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of trials and controversy."

I humbly thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your time and effort in attempting to ratify the issue at hand.

Respectfully,


David Lambert

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am housed at Dillwyn Correctional Center in Dillwyn VA, where a local 20 minute phone call is over \$7.00 per call. Out of state and non local calls are over \$15.00 per call. I have been using a discount inmate telephone calling services which allows my family and friends to pay a 7.95 per month services fee and it only cost me 90¢ for each per-paid 20 minute call.

Today the VA Doc put out a memo to inform all inmates who are using this services that those phone number would be blocked and our family and friends would need to contact Global Tel Link at www.offenderconnect.com or call 1-800-483-8314. With this service I am able to talk to my family at least once a week by use^{ing} my state pay to pay for all my phone calls. I make \$54.00 per month from my state inmate pay. I am able to make about 8-10 phone calls per month. When I am forced to use Global Tel Link those same 10 calls which I pay \$9.00

out of my \$54.00 state plus the Doc take 10%
each month. Those same 10 come will cost me \$72.00
per month that neither I nor my family can afford!

Thank you for your time.
Kenneth Bell

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Dear Chairman Benachowski,

I am writing to you today about my son who is in mount olive Correctional Complex in mount olive, WV. I'm on a fixed income and I'm only able to visit my son one time a year so the phone calls I receive from him mean so much to me but they cost us a lot on our monthly bill. It would be such a relief if some how they could be lowered to help to help people who don't have a lot of money to spare.

Thank you for
listening
Sandra Jenkins

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"Dear Chairman Genachowski"

I was a
house at "Loft" Federal Correctional
Institution.
a Private Prison. The telephone
Rate was very cheap, a one minute
Local ^{call} anywhere in the U.S. was 9¢
a minute. Then I was transferred
to the B.O.P. The telephone Rate
was cut RAGIOUS Indeed, It's 23¢
a minute, That is very very Expensive
Frankly I can't talk get the ~~the~~
Fifteen minutes, Such a
High telephone Rate put a Big
Dent in ^{my} telephone Calls, and
also my Conversation too.

I'm
your
Faithful
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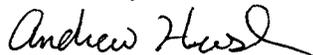
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

My name is Andrew Hersh, I am currently incarcerated at SCI-Greene in Waynesburg, PA. Waynesburg is about 4½ hours from my hometown of Gettysburg, PA. Due to being incarcerated so far from home it costs me quite a bit to call home. It costs about \$5.15 to call home to my fiance and my family that is in Gettysburg. However, my mother and other family live in Florida. It costs about \$11 dollars for any out of state call I make to my mother. Since I have been incarcerated I have been spending about \$50.00 per week on phone cards. That may not seem like a lot to most people, but when you are incarcerated making only prison salary of \$ 0.33/ hour. It then forces your family to foot the additional part of the bill. Unfortunately for most families this is very difficult to do. I am somewhat fortunate that my family has stepped up to the plate but with it costing more than \$200 a month on strictly phone calls per month, Its extremely taxing even for those families who are willing to help. In the economic times we are living in \$200 per month is the difference between eating or important medication or calling and talking to those of us that are incarcerated. I would appreciate your support in this matter. Prison phone calls financially do not hurt those of us incarcerated, it hurts the law abiding, tax paying family members of ours that are out there struggling through a dilapidated economy. Thank you for your time and support in this matter.

Sincerely Yours



Andrew Hersh
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