

This is a public comment for the
Wright Petition (cc Docket # 96128)

Dear, Chairman Benachowski

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My name is Joshua Holmes
736422. As an inmate housed
at Monroe Correction Center, I
am approx. 1 1/2 hours from
my house. I am a home owner
and have children and a loving
wife. In order to maintain
communication and deal with financial,
emotional and mental issues in
my marriage as well as community.
My wife and I spend a
great deal of time on the
phone. I sometimes 2 calls a
day, at \$3.60 a call, that adds
up. You do the math. I am
big on ties to the community,
family values etc. I truly
believe that there could be
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Something done to benefit my
family and the cost being
spent ~~on~~ on phone calls
here in Washington State.

Not to mention the poor
quality of connections, lost
calls, 3 way alerts etc.

I am not attempting to "wince"
here just that I believe
the calls are too expensive.

Please consider looking into.

P.S. I have heard
that calls are cheaper
in other states.

Sincerely
Joshua
Holmes
736422

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Chairman Julius Genachowski,
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, [REDACTED] S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Mr. Corwin D. Filkins, #1002015
Bland Correctional Center
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Bland, Virginia 24315-4960

Re: Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)

December 3, 2012

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This is a public comment for the
Wright petition (CC Docket 96-128).
I am submitting this letter in
support of lowering the costs of
phone calls from prison and jails

I cannot count the number of times
and missed opportunities I've had to

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Speak with family and friends, based "solely" on the high costs of placing a call to them. They too frequently have to deny accepting the charges, because they can't afford paying out \$ 7.00 or \$ 8.00 a call, that lasts 15 or 20 minutes.

This has affected them financially and emotionally. My dear grandmother was diagnosed with cancer, and for the last 9 1/2 months of her life, I was unable to speak with her over the phone. She could not afford the charges. She was unable to read my letters due to poor eyesight.

It's too important towards the goal of rehabilitation of a person, to severely limit or eliminate a chance to communicate with loved ones, not to mention the opportunity to rebuild relationships that may have ceased, prior to incarceration or shortly thereafter.

Your cooperation and assistance will
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appreciated by hundreds of thousands of
incarcerated citizens and their families.

Sincerely,

Corwin D. Filkins

Corwin D. Filkins

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski,

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This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128). I am presently incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Here at Jandville Correctional Center, our phone system is controlled by Consolidated Phone Services.

The high prices for the use of this service has had a great impact upon me. You see Genachowski, I have a sister who is on a fixed income. She receives Social Security disability. At one time I use to be able to call her from time to time. However with the tremendous high price phone services, she could no longer have me call anymore.

However, we still stay in touch with ~~us~~ each other by writing/corresponding through the U.S. mail. I also have friends that has stopped me from calling, because they feel they are being economically exploited. They all basically say the same thing.

They tell me that Consolidated Services wants them to pay money up front like a prepaid phone system in ~~order~~ order for me to call. They feel that they should not be required to pay money up front and that Consolidated Phone Services receives payment when they pay their phone bills as well because it shows up on their long distance carrier phone bills.

Now once the money runs out, we cannot make any calls until more money is put up front for

Inmates to call, my sister and I are the only
Two survivors from our immediate family, our
Parents died a long time ago, we both are in
age, she is 63 and I am 62. IT'S just a matter
of time that our world as we know it will end
for us.

However, sometimes I wish that I could here
the sweet sound of her voice. Her voice relieves
me of the systematic frustrations and depressions
that I suffer from prison life, she is unable to
visit due to her medical conditions that she suffers
from, and the medications she takes.

I have friends that live in Wisconsin and state
of Illinois, a lot of times I am blocked from calling
them because sometimes when I get ready to call
them, consolidation would block ~~my~~ their phone from
me calling because their phone bill is a hundred dollars
or more, and none of this amount of their bill is
not by me.

and what is so ironic is that these people
have AT&T as their primary carrier and long dist-
ant carrier, and some has Sprint or some other
long distance carrier, so what gives Consolidated
services the authority to block a person phone.

I spoke to my mom when she was living,
my mom had wrote me once and was wondering

Why I had not been calling her, I told her that her phone has a block on it from me calling.

My mother was furious. She said that she did not put a block on her phone. After I told her about Consolidated Services is preventing me from calling she contacted them, I don't know what was said but I was able to call once again.

These are changes that I had to go through and inmates at Danville still go through these same changes. Anyway other friends resorted to putting blocks on their phones because of the high prices. Now I am unable to call no-one, other than investigators and attorney who is helping me on appeal.

And a niece who I only call in case of emergency. By the prices being so high I avoid calling less as possible so she won't be burdened by a high phone bill by me. The high prices has made me rally against the use of the phones here at Danville. I try to encourage everyone I come in contact with to quit burdening their relatives with the high prices of calling on these phones, and just write them.

It is cheaper to write. If you don't know how to write I will write for you. Just tell me what to say. Hopefully with your help, the prices will come down, and maybe something can be arranged for people with fixed incomes. Take care and God Bless!!!

Sincerely,
Alstory Simon
Reg # A70817
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Danville, IL 61834

October 11, 2012

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Dear Chairman Genachowski;

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

My name is Damien McNeal and I am an inmate at Eastern Correctional Institution in Westover, Maryland serving a LIFE sentence. I stumbled across an ad while reading the “Prison Legal News” newspaper. It was in reference to the excessively high phone cost and I felt compelled to share my story.

I am a 37yr. old man and have been incarcerated for the last 19 years of my life. Throughout this time my family and I have spent thousands of dollars on prison phone bills. I am originally from Washington, D.C. which I believed shouldn't have warranted my phone calls from the Jessup region to be long-distance especially being only 25 minutes away, but I was wrong. My calls cost my family \$2.65 to accept the call and \$.30 per minute. This became a problem financially for my family and eventually was what caused our communication to cease. Not because they didn't want to talk to me, but because they couldn't afford the phone calls. Then there was the discrepancy in cost. Guys from the Baltimore and Anne Arundel County area paid \$.85 per call and this I believe was not fair. If you resided in P.G. County or Montgomery County or anywhere else in Maryland you paid long-distance fees.

In or around 2003 Maryland changed their automated phone system which allowed you the inmate the opportunity to pay for you own phone calls by putting monies on your phone card. They even made us pay taxes on our submitted vouchers. We pay \$.60 on every dollar. For example there are \$10 increments so the charge would be \$10.60, \$ 21.20 and so on. This was only another well thought out scheme to get more money and monopolize the market. As prisoners is it legal to make us pay taxes? The same fees applied except for one change; instead of the \$2.65 to accept the call it was lowered to \$.30 and remained \$.30 per minute with local calls being \$.50 per call. Meaning if you were not from the surrounding counties you were going to pay dearly. Guys found a way to get around the extreme cost by signing up with various phone agencies which allowed them to either get discounted phone rates or local numbers added to their current phone lines only to be told that we weren't allowed to do this mainly because the phone company Securus that is contracted by the prison systems were losing out financially and they couldn't continue to monopolize the market as they have been.

This injustice led guys to find other means of trying to keep in contact with their family members which albeit illegal were cheaper. Guys were willing to jeopardize their limited liberties for the opportunity to talk to their family and friends at lower cost. You figure if you brought a cell phone the cost would vary but you would pay around \$50 per month and you would be able to talk to anyone you saw fit, opposed to paying \$9.00 for a 30 minute phone call only to talk to one person. If I were to talk to that same person everyday once a day for 30 days that would cost me \$270 per month and that's just talking to one person. If I wanted to talk to my mother, son, sister, girlfriend or whomever else I would be paying

dearly- you do the math. The funny thing is I was reluctant to go the cell phone route but my son who was 10 years old at the time asked me "why I haven't been calling like I use to?" and I had to tell him that we couldn't afford the calls anymore. He suggested that I get a cell phone realizing that it would be cheaper and after giving it some thought I decided to take my chance. It was well worth it. I got an opportunity to reconnect and rebuild relationships with my family and my friends and this proved to be fruitful. The negative was that I had to constantly look out for the correctional officers who would take and punish me if I were caught with the cell phone which was deemed contraband. Again I was willing to take that chance. In no way am I glorifying or glamorizing cell phones in the prison system but I wanted to let you know the level of desperation that one would go to and has been through because of the jacked up prison phone charges. There are many others with stories like mines and believe me if there were a way that we collectively could bring about some change we would do what we need to do if we knew we had a voice.

I prayerfully look^{to} hear your from you and welcome your input. Thank you your time and God bless you!

Respectfully Submitted,


Damien McNeal #242-944

Craig W. Frazier,
P.O. Box 3850
Adelanto, CA, 95301

November 26, 2012

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

RE: Public Comments;
Subject: Docket # 96-28;
/aka/ "The Wright Petition."

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you regarding The Wright Petition. No question, the FCC needs to regulate inmate phone calls.

I am sure everyone is writing you telling you about calling home for 15 minutes is costing \$30 dollars, due to "surcharges" and "hook up" fees. Ditto here, and how broke they are and can't afford it.

Instead, I am going to ask you to consider a different perspective, shocking the conscience. That is, people in prison are generally from the poorest families and backgrounds. They are further being victimized by these phone companies.

I wanted to further bring to your attention that the number one factor in keeping inmates for recidivism

[returning to prison] is contact with family.

The ones that made it and get rehabilitated are the ones who have family out there and are in contact with them. Therefore, these companies' outright greed are playing right into the problems. Worse, by the FCC not regulating this "price gouging industry" you are allowing this injustice to continue by default.

Please take a stand, reconsidering your previous position on prisoners phone calls!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig W. Frazier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C" and a distinct "F" at the end.

Craig W. Frazier

Gregory W. Marino #277299
Hudson Correctional Facility
3001 North Juniper Street, 62-217
Hudson, Colorado 80642

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November 24, 2012

Re: CC Docket # 96-128

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

- 1) I am unable to call home due to collect call prices being too high and because phone companies require prepaid accounts to each phone number I need to call.
- 2) Debit prices are too high which leads to my children and family suffering from lack of contact and my voice being an encouraging force in their up-bringing and guidance.
- 3) Finally, a lot of inmates find-out that pre-release plans are difficult to arrange with consistency due to high phone rates.

Respectfully,

Gregory W. Marino

12-3-12

RE:

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

Writing a letter/appeal to you in regards to the extremely High Cost of the P.A. Doc. phone CALLS,

It Currently cost my Wife and family almost six \$6.00 dollars for a 15 minute phone CALL.
from Marienville to HarrisBURG.

This is CAUSING a Great Strain on my Family and Seriously OBSTRUCTING Our Communication, as they cannot afford the Unreasonable Prices.
Tearing Our Families down — and apart.

Sincerely,

Csrey Armor
KG-6978
SCI FOREST
P.O. BOX 945
Marienville, PA

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Michael June, #76496
Erie County Holding Center
40 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

December 3, 2012

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

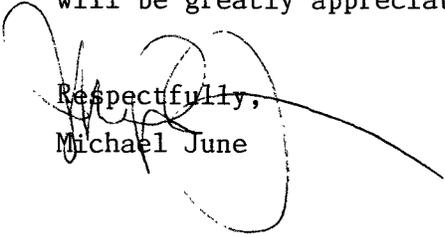
RE: Complaint about phone charges

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

On October 25, 2012, I sent to you a complaint about the phone charges and the phone contract here at the county jail in Buffalo. To date I have yet to receive a response.

Today I simply write to inquire as to whether my complaint has been received, and if so, is my complaint being investigated? If you can respond back to me informing me of the status of my complaint, it will be greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a copy of the complaint.

Respectfully,
Michael June



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Michael June, #76496
Erie County Holding Center
40 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

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October 25, 2012

Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Complaint about phone charges

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I am making this formal complaint, under the Federal Communications Act (FCA) 47 USC § 151, that the phone company's phone rates are exorbitant and unreasonably high.

The Erie County Holding Center and phone company ICS, d/b/a ICSolutions (ICS) has entered into a telephone service contract that I believe is illegal, as I contend that these entities conspired to enter into a monopolistic contract, in violation of the Federal Sherman Antitrust Act (15 USCA § 1); in violation of this State's Business Law §§ 340 & 349, and of the Civil Right of Institutional Persons Act (42 USCA § 1997).

The phone service contract between the Holding Center and ICS forces me and my family to put money into a pre-paid account for phone services and charges a \$9 fee everytime money is added to such account regardless of how much is added. If a pre-paid account isn't set up, no calls can be made or received by inmates and their families. In addition to the \$9 fee, there is a \$1.50 connection fee and a 10¢ per minute charge for a 15-minute call. So regardless of what phone company my family has, I am forced to open a pre-paid account with ICS or I cannot make any calls to my family.

Thus, the \$9 account fee that the jail and phone company's contract imposes is an unlawful tax and/or regulatory fee, in violation of Business Law §§ 340 and 349, and tortiously interferes with my contractual rights to

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**PELICAN BAY
G.P. UNIT A-6**

DEAR CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI

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

My name is YUJUAN BANKS, and I am writing you in regards to my concerns regarding the outrageous phone rates we, as inmates, are burdened with by phone companies. I think it is wrong for phone companies to charge prisoners high phone rates to talk to their family/loved ones, just for these phone companies to get rich. We, prisoners are locked up for something we did wrong, or in my case, "wrongfully convicted" due to police misconduct practices to convict regular citizens, and erroneous-misidentification. But, neither form of prisoners should be subject to these high phone rates charged by these phone companies, to get rich by targeting incarcerated persons. This is illegal! As we pay more than regular house phone services, and cell phone services, prisoners are being charged higher price rates for phone services, and commissary food charges. It is "cruel and unusual punishment" to target prisoners on higher rates for daily necessities, just because of being incarcerated, and others are not charged so egregiously.

I have 3 children who I have not been able to talk to in 3 years because of these outrageous phone rates, and the continuing economy problems burdening our family's. My oldest son (8), YUJUAN JR. has been attending therapy sessions ever since my "wrongful conviction." I cannot talk to settle him down, and be that father that he so misses. He is only 8, and it is hard to explain and be there for your children by communicating through letters. Kids are in a learning process, and can only understand so much from letters because of not being educated enough to read and understand so many words. There only kids!

IN Addition to that, I HAVE NUMEROUS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE BURDENED by AILMENTS, AND CANNOT WORK TO PAY FOR THESE HIGH PHONE RATES TO TALK to THEIR LOVED ONES INCARCERATED.

I HAVE AN AUNTIE WHO HAS STOMACH CANCER, AND LOST 2/3 OF HER STOMACH. IN WHICH SHE JUST WAS CURED AND SURVIVED BREAST CANCER. SHE IS BED-RIDDEN, AND ON DISABILITY. MY GRANDMOTHER HAS ALHEIMERZ, AND ON DISABILITY. MY FATHER IS A DISABLED NAVY VETERAN, WHO IS HELPING TAKING CARE OF MY GRANDMOTHER (HIS) MOTHER. MY FATHER JUST HAD MAJOR SURGERY FOR A BLOOD CLOT IN HIS LET. AS HE, AND MY UNCLE, WHO HAS HALF A PARALYZED BODY FOR BEING STABBED FOR HELPING SAVE A WOMAN, ARE TAKING CARE OF THERE DISABLED MOTHER. MY LITTLE BROTHER JUST HAD A STROKE FOR A BLOOD CLOT IN HIS HEAD. IN WHICH HE ALMOST DIED BECAUSE HE HAD THE STROKE IN HIS SLEEP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM A "WRONGFULLY CONVICTED" INMATE WHO NEEDS LOWER PHONE RATES TO COMMUNICATED WITH ALL MY LOVED ONES TO HELP ME OVERTURN THIS "WRONGFUL CONVICTION." I CANNOT TALK TO THEM BY PHONE FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE, LEGAL ADVICE, AND LAWYER ASSISTANCE. I AM BURDENED TO DO MY OWN LEGAL APPEALS WITH ONE EYE. I JUST RECENTLY SUSTAINED A DETACHED RETINA IN MY LEFT EYE. COMPLETE LOSS OF SIGHT.

"IT IS UNFAIR TO LOCK UP THE POOREST PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY, ONLY TO ALLOW PREDATORY PHONE COMPANIES TO EXPLOIT US."

I APPRECIATE YOU READING MY LETTER OF CONCERNS, AND CONSIDERING IT WITH THE (WRIGHT PETITION) CC DOCKET #96-128. AS I AM STILL A CITIZEN WHO STILL HAS SOME RIGHTS. THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS!

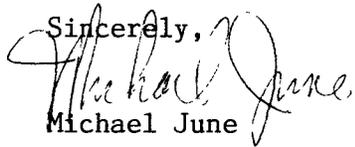
ADDRESS:

YUJUAN BANKS (G-66303)
PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON
FACILITY-A6 CELL# 219_{LOW}
P.O. BOX 7500
CRESECENT CITY, CA. 95532

SINCERELY, YUJUAN BANKS
Yujuan Banks

use alternative phone service carriers offering call options at lower rates, which violates the federal Sherman Antitrust Act by charging exorbitant phone charges that are higher than required to cover the costs involved with providing phone service to me and other inmates. Further, because I cannot seek an alternative carrier and am only limited and restricted to the ICS phone service, the contract is an monopolistic conspiracy, as the Holding Center grants ICS the exclusive right for telephone service in exchange for an unreasonably high portion of the revenue generated (kickbacks). Thus, the restriction to only deal with phone service through ICS charges anti-competitive rates, based on such exclusive contract. Daleure, 119 F.Supp.2d 683; Arsberry 244 F.3d 558.

Finally, I ask that you please send me a copy of the contract that the phone company, Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC, d/b/a ICSolutions, has filed with your agency, which involves the contractual agreement it has with the Erie County Holding Center, located in Buffalo, New York, at 40 Delaware Avenue, 14203. Also, I request that you file this complaint and investigate my assertions.

Sincerely,

Michael June

file/mj

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

12/3/12

"This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)." My name is Michael Herrin # 14620, a prisoner, in the Mississippi Department of Corrections, since 1993. Initially Bell South provided phone service 15 minutes for 5⁰⁰ after with disconnections occurring within a few minutes into the conversation in order to charge another connection fee.

When Global Tel Link took over phone service the prices sky rocketed. My sister and mother live in Alabama. In order for us to speak \$50⁰⁰ must be paid upfront for 30 minutes. \$8⁵⁰ is initially deducted leaving a credit of \$41⁵⁰ which I only can talk for approximately 20 minutes. It is outrageous. No family can afford to spend \$50⁰⁰ for a 20 minute conversation.

My Mother passed away in Aug 2011 and it was not possible for me to call her in the final days of her life. MDOC claims to encourage family visitation and communication yet they participate with Global Tel Link in "Price Gouging" the families of prisoners. Cell phones became rampant in MDOC and as a result Global Tel Link saw profits dwindle. In an effort to regain profits Global Tel Link

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provided MDOC with "signal blockers" at MSP (Ms. State Penitentiary) and SMCI (South Ms. Core Institute) to interfere with cell phone reception. MDOC also created a special cell phone management unit to further punish offenders found guilty on Rule Violation Reports (RVR's) for possession of cell phone or components.

This punishment is 6 months isolation with no visits, no phones, no television, no commissary privileges other than hygiene and stamps. All meals served in the unit. This punishment is in addition to the punishment given by the disciplinary department such as loss of earned time 6 months and loss of privileges. This should be considered "Double Jeopardy" due to the fact some and most of the prisoners effected had served the disciplinary punishment 6 months to one year before there being ordered.

Reclassified to Close Confinement (C custody) and re-housed in cell phone management unit.

The profit sharing between MDOC and Global Tel Link must be enormous for Global Tel Link to foot the bill for Signal Blockers at two separate facilities and MDOC to implement a new program in violation of prisoner's rights!

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When I first came to prison one would be required to stand in line to use the phone, but once Global Tel Link took control the phones are never in use consistently. Mothers, Fathers, brothers, and sisters as well as children are being torn apart because it is impossible to talk to one another. We desperately need help in this travesty.

Sincerely,

Michael Ferrin #14620

SMCI 2A-2

Leakesville, MS 39451-1419

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December 1st 2012
Saturday evening

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: Public Comments / Wright Petition, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket No. 96-128) which I request be made a part of the public docket in this case.

I have been incarcerated in the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) since 1972, with nine (9) years in the Virginia DOC (from 1999 to 2008). I have had a great deal of experience with the systemic price gouging inherent in the prison telephone systems/contracts where unbelievably exorbitant prices are charged for using the phones. Price gouging is not just encouraged, it is guaranteed, here in Florida, where the DOC only grants a contract to the vendor willing to (legally) kick back the largest percentage to the DOC. Typically this is a 50/50 split of profits. Thus, it requires the vendor to charge a high price just to break even. But, even with that set up, the vendors go on to double & triple even that charge, which they can get away with because they are awarded a monopoly; the vendors have a captive audience and they know the DOC will certainly not complain about the high fees charged to prisoners, indeed the DOC is complicit, they want the highest fees possible since the DOC gets 50% of all profits. This is an incestuous

relationship, a blatant conflict of interest which would never be permitted or countenanced in the "free world."

There is no relationship between the outrageous fees charged to us prisoners (often \$1.50 or more per minute, while the cost in the free world is typically 1¢ to 3¢ per minute) and the cost of/to the vendors for maintaining the phone systems in the correctional facilities. These outrageous costs are borne by our friends & family members who must provide us with the money to pay these fees, since, in Florida (as in most state DOC's) we prisoners do not earn any money for working. Even in those states which pay prisoners the prisoners typically earn 10¢ to 50¢ an hour & much of their pay is taken to pay off statutorily imposed fees and costs.

For me, and many other prisoners, telephone access is the only real way to stay in contact with family and loved ones since visits (requiring hundreds of miles of travel) are too costly. Yet the outrageously high fees charged by these phone companies (predators, in my book) prevent us from maintaining any real or meaningful contacts. These fees represent a lot of money for our families, who are often poor. These phone systems are unbelievable cash cows, reaping hundreds of millions of dollars in profits for these vendors nationwide, from prisons and jails (America has almost 3 million people incarcerated in jails & prisons, so you can do the math). It is impossible for these vendors to defend these outrageous fees which cannot withstand any objective investigation. These vendors earn back the costs of installing & maintaining these phone systems in days or weeks and from then on it's just a massive revenue stream taken out of the hide of the poorest citizens in this nation. There is nothing fair & equitable about any of this. When I must pay \$60.00 for a 45 minute phone call (a very typical cost, and it's often much higher) how often do you thi

I can call anyone? Not very often, that's for sure.

I am asking you to use your vested authority to investigate this matter, which will refute the vendors' claims that these fees are reasonable or necessary. This is the most massive, systemic rip off of the public you'll encounter, I'll venture to bet. Because it involves prisoners (and their families) nobody cares, or seems to. These vendors are betting that you and the FCC do not care a whit about prisoner and their families. I am asking you to search your conscience and to prove these vendors wrong, prove that you do care about the citizens, even the least of them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I remain,

W

William Van Poyck #034071
Florida State Prison G-1210
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CC: File

AYRON HOLLAND
HN-7410

SCI-Greene
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Waynesburg, PA 15370

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
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Washington, DC 20554

**THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
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,

Ayron Holland

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Eric A. Smith

HK 4030

SCI Greene
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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**THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
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Chairman Genachowski:

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

Chairman Julius Genachowski,

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My name is Phillip Hartsfield. I have been incarcerated several hours (6-8) away from my son for many years. I am the only parent that he has any contact with. The extreme burden of the high prices for phone calls has really hindered my already fractured relationship. Due to the overpriced calls I was not able to speak to my father prior to his passing either. This is a prime example why the wright petition should be considered. I fully believe in capitalism and free enterprise, however I don't believe in extortion and what amounts to bullying by companies who know a family has no other choice but to pay or not communicate. Thank you for your time and have a nice day.

Thank you



Phillip Hartsfield A46473

Tamms Supermax

8500 Supermax Rd

Tamms IL 62488

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DEAR Chairman GENACHOWSKI,

11-28-12

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

I'm currently a prisoner at Pennsylvania's SCI ALBION. I've been subjected to Global TEL LINK's high phone rates since 2006. And it's time for a long overdue change. With all due respect Mr. Chairman this issue has been pending for almost "12 years" in front of the FCC. I believe the time is now to make the change and cap or limit the rates these prison phone companies like Global TEL LINK charge.

To speak from my own experience.

SCI ALBION is near Erie PA. The prisoners from Erie enjoy 15 min phone calls at a flat rate of \$1.60. While I myself am from the Pittsburgh area and am subjected to a surcharge of \$2.00 and some odd cents just for the first min of my calls. That in total cost my family and I \$5.41. While \$5.41 isn't on the higher end of the rates. It's surely not a \$1.60. Please allow me to ask a question. What about the prisoners with family's out of state that pay upwards of \$20.00 to call their loved one? Where's the fairness in this? There is none! I've been told many times in my 31 years that life's not fair. But, it's unreasonable for the FCC to continue to ~~turn~~ turn its back on this issue. →

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Tony L. Mitchell FCC Mail Room
#07774-003
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Edgefield SC 29824

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

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

My name is Tony Mitchell. I am a federal inmate. It is my desire to have this letter, in regards to high prison phone rates, made part of the public docket with the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128).

Sir, for many years my family has been forced to pay outrageous amounts in order for me to be able to call them. I cannot understand why companies like Evercom, Global Tel Linc, and even the BOP can force, through monopolization, people to pay these amazingly inflated prices for phone calls.

An example is when I was transferred 600 miles from my home in Alabama to a county jail in Oklahoma, Grady County Jail in Chickasha and forced to call collect, as it was the only way to call. Those calls cost my family \$17 each, \$1.13 per minute. Some places were charging \$8 per call, when in the outside world the calls would be about \$3.00 per call, as was the case in this scenario when I was in the Escambia County Correctional Center in 2010 in Alabama.

It is very hard for me to comprehend why there is such a difference in the cost of the calls.

At the present time, because of monopolization and no choice in the matter, I pay \$2.45 a minute for the first minute, \$.23 for each additional minute thereafter on a collect call to Alabama from South Carolina, where I am serving my sentence. The entire call shouldnt cost \$2.45.

Sir, please do something to stop this gouging they are putting on us.

Thank you,

Tony Mitchell

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Date: 12/3/12

RE: Cap the costs
of phone calls
prisoners PA Doc

ALFONSO RIZUTO
ID# JF8231
SCF Retreat
660 State Route 11
Hunlock Creek, PA 18621

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications
Commission
Public Comments
445, 12 Street S.W.,
Washington DC 20554-0005

Dear Sir:

① This is a public comment for the
Wright petition (cc docket # 96-128).

② The impact of costs of calls on me
cost me my brother Angelo Rizuto
his life. calls cost to much \$9.00
15 minutes to NY/or VA and my
brother went crazy and died Sept 1, 2011
I ask you put a cap the costs of PA
Doc calls.

Thank you for your assistance.
CC: filed

Sincerely,
Alfonso Rizuto

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AND ALLOW PHONE COMPANIES LIKE Global TEL LINK TO CONTINUE TO GET RICH OFF OF THE HARD EARNED MONEY OF PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILY'S.

SORRY I GOT OFF SUBJECT OF MY EXPERIENCE.

THE G.T.L PHONE SERVICE HAS DROPPED COUNTLESS PHONE CALLS I'VE MADE, SUBJECTING ME TO PLACE MY CALL AGAIN AT THE HIGH SURCHARGE YET AGAIN. I HAVE ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS LIKE MY 93 YEAR OLD GRANDFATHER WHO'S ON A FIXED INCOME AND CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY HIGH PRISON PHONE RATES. THEREFORE, I DON'T GET TO TALK TO HIM.

I KNOW THAT PRISON COMMISSARY ISN'T THE ISSUE HERE. BUT THE HIGH COST OF COMMISSARY AND PHONE RATES TOGETHER PUTS SUCH A FINANCIAL STRAIN ON MY FAMILY THAT MY FATHER HAS TAKEN A SECOND JOB TO ENSURE I CAN HAVE THE THINGS I NEED. WHILE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE HIGH PRICES OF PRISON COMMISSARY. HOWEVER, YOU CAN GIVE PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILY'S RELIEF ON THE HIGH PHONE RATES. I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE DO SO.

I THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND ALL OTHER PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILYS. FOR YOUR TIME IN THIS MATTER

MICHAEL G MARSILIO JR GT 4779
Michael G Marsilio jr.

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

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

CANTEEN, VENDING MACHINE and LIBRARY ACCOUNT

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING

December 31, 2007

Canteen, Vending Machine and Library Account Committee:

**Dennis Diaz, DOC Controller
Gary Golder, Director of Prisons
Bobby Harlan, Canteen Program Manager
Jack Laughlin, Service Sector Manager
Karl Spiecker, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Smith, Director of Correctional Industries**

**Aristedes W. Zavaras
Executive Director**

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 CANTEEN ENTERPRISE FUND
 STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
 As of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006
 (UNAUDITED)

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	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>12/31/06</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Pooled Cash (NOTE 1)	\$ 6,209,430	\$ 5,430,931
Other Receivables, net	500,107	342,443
Inventories	503,608	448,080
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>7,213,145</u>	<u>6,221,454</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
Capital Assets:		
Buildings	1,440,014	1,440,014
Equipment	489,351	477,850
Construction in Progress	431,963	0
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(748,510)	(683,181)
DEPRECIABLE CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	<u>1,612,818</u>	<u>1,234,683</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,825,963</u>	<u>\$ 7,456,137</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 604,178	\$ 414,289
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>604,178</u>	<u>414,289</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accrued Compensated Absences	143,229	120,804
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>747,407</u>	<u>535,093</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>		
Investment in Capital Assets	1,612,818	1,234,683
Unrestricted	6,465,738	5,686,361
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,078,556</u>	<u>\$ 6,921,044</u>

NOTE 1. Cash and pooled cash is defined as cash-on-hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, pooled cash with State Treasurer (at fair market value), and warrants payable

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 CANTEEN ENTERPRISE FUND
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
 FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006
 (UNAUDITED)

	SIX MONTHS ENDING 12/31/07	SIX MONTHS ENDING 12/31/06
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Sales-Canteen and Similar Activities	\$ 6,379,277	\$ 6,110,307
* Commissions-Inmate Phone System	1,517,601	1,020,465
Other Revenues	13,357	4,510
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>7,910,235</u>	<u>7,135,282</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,750,000	4,456,053
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	866,444	786,079
Operating & Travel (NOTE 1)	370,337	334,503
Depreciation	33,643	32,230
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>6,020,424</u>	<u>5,608,865</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>1,889,811</u>	<u>1,526,417</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND (EXPENSES):		
Inmate Benefits	(1,442,436)	(1,292,176)
Investment Income	200,740	138,361
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(1,241,696)</u>	<u>(1,153,815)</u>
INCOME BEFORE OPERATING TRANSFERS	<u>648,115</u>	<u>372,602</u>
OPERATING TRANSFERS:		
Operating Transfer-Out to General Fund (NOTE 2)	(33,559)	(33,503)
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS	<u>(33,559)</u>	<u>(33,503)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	614,556	339,099
TOTAL NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	<u>7,464,000</u>	<u>6,581,945</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 8,078,556</u>	<u>\$ 6,921,044</u>

NOTE 1 Operating and Travel expenses include costs for packaging materials, transportation charges, office supplies and equipment, maintenance, travel, worker's compensation insurance, legal services, liability and property insurance, and other operations related expenses.

NOTE 2 Operating transfer-out to the General Fund are costs reimbursed to the general fund for support services.

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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
CANTEEN ENTERPRISE FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006
(UNAUDITED)

	SIX MONTHS ENDING 12/31/07	SIX MONTHS ENDING 12/31/06
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash Received from:		
Sales of Canteen Items and Similar Activities	\$ 6,379,277	\$ 6,110,307
★ Commissions from Inmate Phone System Calls	2,199,884	1,046,869 ★
Other Revenues	13,357	4,510
Cash Payments to or for:		
Employees	(934,672)	(936,332)
Suppliers	(5,222,149)	(5,138,697)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>2,435,697</u>	<u>1,086,657</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Inmate Benefits	(1,442,436)	(1,292,176)
Transfers-Out to the General Fund	(33,559)	(33,503)
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,475,995)</u>	<u>(1,325,679)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(305,769)	0
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	<u>(305,769)</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest	200,740	138,361
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	<u>200,740</u>	<u>138,361</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND POOLED CASH	854,673	(100,661)
CASH AND POOLED CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD	5,354,757	5,531,592
CASH AND POOLED CASH, END OF PERIOD	<u>\$ 6,209,430</u>	<u>\$ 5,430,931</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income	\$ 1,889,811	\$ 1,526,417
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income		
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		
Depreciation	33,643	32,230
Net Changes in Assets and Liabilities Related to Operating Activities:		
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Receivables	682,283	26,404
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	(19,652)	(110,328)
Increase(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(150,388)	(388,066)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 2,435,697</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,657</u>

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Dear,

Chairman Julius Genovesi
 I am very interested in the information
 correct and for you and I just want
 to know you are not a single person
 the cost of the program is here
 at least under the program the program
 is a good deal for the cost of the
 program is to be paid for out of
 means of the program for out of 5
 dollars a month that is becoming
 a financial burden on MU family's
 income if their income is low
 could do to help the program providers
 could use a lot of money for the program
 or you are.

Thank you!

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

Mr. Cornelius G. Jackson #364-753
Grafton Correctional Institution
2500 South Avon Belden Road A-4-173T
Grafton, Ohio 44044

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November 30, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12Th Streets, South West
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This letter is to address the impact of the very high cost of
Collect phone callssssssssssss that I as a prisoner have to pay.
Is it, because I am a prisoner????.

We have to pay these high fees and are family have to pay
it if they want to hear from us. This is a big stress on them
on top of me being here.

I would like to see if changes can be made to allow more
then one phone company monopolize on this matter and/or another
provider to be available to are families so that we can get
the best prices to call home.

Sir just because I am gone does not take away the fact
that I need to raise my child up the best that I can and these
phone calls are truly making it harder to do this SIR.

It cost \$5.98 cents for a 15 minutes call. That is \$24.00
dollars month. Well my daughter would like for ^{me} to be able to
call once a month, because I am up in her business every week.

C.C.
FILE;
C.G.J.



Cornelius G. Jackson

Thank you,

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

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

Sir:

I am a prisoner of St. Marys Correctional Center, St. Marys, WV 26170. Most of my family, including my 76-year-old mother live in Pennsylvania. The telephone rates for me to call there being charged by Global Tel Link are exorbitant and unjust. Recently my mother wanted me to call her. So she put \$50.00 on the pre-pay account. Immediately this company takes off 20%, which is \$10.00 before we even get to make a call. That leaves \$40.00 on the account. The cost of one 15-minute call is close to \$10.00. So for that \$50.00 payment, we will get to have about 4 15-minute calls. That's about 80¢ a minute. That is too high! You must do something to lower these unfair rates. We have no choice but to pay them or not get to talk to our loved ones. I cannot purchase any of the phone cards I see advertised for 1¢ per minute or I would. Please arrange to have these rates reduced and to prevent GIL and other such companies from taking advantage of us who cannot protect ourselves from this predatory monopoly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



John Christian #41456
St. Marys Correctional Center
2880 North Pleasants Highway
St. Marys, WV 26170

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Timothy Lawrence
Inst. No.: FX-0145
State Correctional Institution at Mahanoy
301 Morea Road
Frackville, PA 17932

December 3, 2012

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

Re: Public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

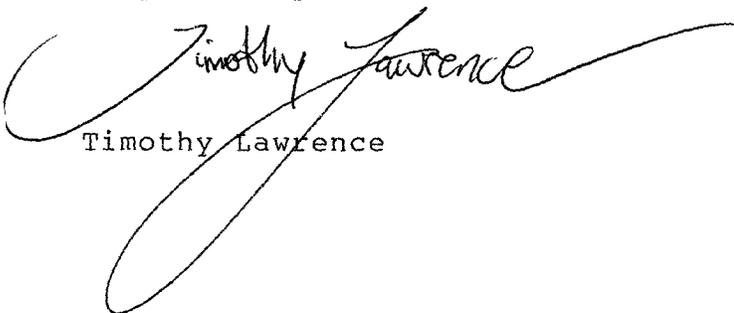
I am writing your office to notify you of the hardship and strain on the relationship between myself and my family as a result of high prison phone rates.

High prison phone rates have had a negative impact on my relationship with family. Because they are unable to regularly afford the high phone rates, I telephone my family, maybe one every six months. Also, even when I am able to obtain one of the few prison jobs, I cannot afford the high phone prices on the monthly prison wages.

The old adage cannot ring truer, "out of sight, out of mine". With their demanding schedules, the telephone is the best way for me to maintain a meaningful relationship with my family. High prison phone rates are making that increasingly difficult. Unable to regularly communicate, we have grown more distant and estranged. Consequently, it's been difficult, to say the least, to coordinate with my family in order for them to better assist in my successful re-entry back into our community. Again, high prison phone rates are making that nearly impossible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Timothy Lawrence

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12TH ST., SW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

12-1-12

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

— HIGH PHONE COSTS FROM PRISON HAVE
GREATLY HARMED MY FAMILY'S ABILITY TO HAVE
MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATIONS WHILE CLOSE
FAMILY HAS BECOME ILL AND DIED AND CONTACT
WAS HINDERED BY COSTS AND THE ARBITRARY
DENIAL OF SUCH FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS BY
PRISON AUTHORITIES AS PUNISHMENT WHILE
HYPOCRITICALLY CLAIMING A DESIRE TO
ENCOURAGE FAMILY BONDS. NOW OTHER FAMILY
MEMBERS ARE ILL AND THE CYCLE REPEATS
ITSELF, YET AGAIN, AND THE CORPORATE MONOPOLY
OF HIGH FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION CONTINUES
TO EXPLOIT THE HARDSHIPS OF AMERICAN
FAMILIES. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE YOU AND
HAVE DONE SO. PLEASE CHANGE THE HIGH RATES.

MOST SINCERELY
AN AMERICAN POLITICAL PRISONER

JOHN BURKE #01648-049
U.S. PENITENTIARY - MAX
P.O. BOX 8500
FLORENCE, CO, 81226



December 3, 2012

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

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

I am a retired pastor and currently a staff chaplain of a large regional hospital in Hattiesburg, MS. I am also involved in one-on-one ministries with prisoners scattered across Mississippi, from Death Row in Parchman to South Regional Correctional Institute in Leakesville, plus one prisoner in each of the following states: Tennessee, Louisiana, and Georgia.

A large part of my ministry is through correspondence and telephone calls, and while I am not poverty stricken, it becomes more and more difficult for me to minister effectively to these prisoners. An even greater concern of mine is the fact that the majority of these prisoners are from families that are poor, and increasingly they find it almost impossible to have even monthly conversations with their loved ones. This is "prison phone injustice" and I sincerely urge the FCC to do everything in their power to correct this injustice.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Allison

Larry "Rocky" Harris
N-57672
Lawrence Prison
10930 Lawrence Road
Sumner, IL 62466
12-4-2012

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

Hello Chairman Genachowski,

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

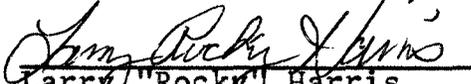
I believe the high rates are very detrimental to fathers trying to keep a relationship with their children. My ex-wife would not let me call my two sons because of the high rates in Illinois. The Consolidated Communications
P.O. Box 7001
Mattoon, IL 61038

I believe the above listed phone company is a monopoly here that kicks back half the monies earned to the Illinois Department Of Corrections. As we have no choice as to what company would provide the best rates and service we are subject to high rates that victimize our families and friends with blatantly high rates. I also believe the facts here should be investigated for conflict of interest in the awarding of the contract in Illinois. The lady who runs the Consolidated Communications Company is married to the one time Deputy Director, or staff member of the Illinois Department Of Corrections.

I am charged around twenty dollars for a 30 minute call to talk to my daughter and grandson in Clarksville, TN. I believe you will find this an extremely high rate compared to the other services now being offered on the open market.

Contact for a father imprisoned is hard enough in the first place, but these monopolies charging their captive clients overly high rates needs to be addressed and stopped here, as we are still United States Citizens on both sides of this coin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Writer In Irons,


Larry "Rocky" Harris

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

Mr. Michael Mangum, # 1174807
Bland Correctional Center
256 Bland Farm Road
Bland, Virginia 24315-4960

Re: Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)

December 3, 2012

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

This is a public comment for the
Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128).
I am submitting this letter in
support of lowering the costs of
phone calls from prison and jails.
I cannot count the number of
missed opportunities I've had to

(1)

Speak with family and friends, based "solely" on the high costs of placing a call to them. They too frequently have to deny accepting the charges, because they can't afford paying out \$ 7.00 or \$ 8.00 a call, that lasts 15 or 20 minutes.

This has affected them financially and emotionally. It's too important towards the goal of rehabilitation of a person, to severely limit or eliminate a chance to communicate with loved ones, not to mention the opportunity to rebuild relationships that may have ~~been~~ ceased, prior to incarceration or shortly thereafter.

Your cooperation and assistance will be appreciated by hundreds of thousands of incarcerated citizens and their family members.

Sincerely,



Michael Mangum

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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 #06-128). This is a brief letter describing the painful consequences and the impact the high costs of prison phone calls have had on me and my family. Unfortunately my immediate family members have a host of medical problems and disabilities, from diabetes to heart problems to dangerous high blood pressure and cholesterol. They take a lot of medicine to control and

contain these medical problems, including
visitation to doctors' offices for periodic
check ups. This costs money in spite of
"Obamacare." So, when I call to speak
to loved ones they either don't pick up
the phone or when they do they shorten
the call because they have to make a
choice of speaking with me or paying
for needed medical prescriptions or visits.

This is so unfair. My family is poor. We're
not in the 1% of AMERICAN WEALTH.

When will the little man and woman
whatever their status in life (especially
those who are unfortunately incarcerated)
stop being exploited for more and more
profit? The gulf between the haves and
the have nots is growing. At least do some-
thing in this area to level the playing field.

Respectfully,

John Henry Jones

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

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Re: Phone cost help (Wright, Petition)
CC Docket # 96-128

Mr. Chairman Genachowski,

My name is Dale Chambers, an inmate at Bryan County Jail (BCJ) located in Durant, OK.

I have so far been incarcerated for over 3 years in the state of Oklahoma.

All of my family members live outside of the state of Oklahoma. The BCJ has the phone service with Securus Technologies, closed, with kickbacks given to the Jail. My father lives in Nixon Missouri. The normal cost to call my father is \$15.00 to \$20.00 dollars for a 15 minute call. My father lives on Social Security thus we rarely talk. I have two sons that live in Texas. The cost to my sons run \$15.00 to \$20.00 dollars for a 15 minute call. Thus I am unable to maintain any kind of relationship with my kids.

I am unsure what can be done to reduce cost?
But I will ask any how please act on my
behalf and establish a cap on phone cost.
Also, stop kickbacks that Securus Technologies
gives as a reward for picking them.

Mr. Chairman Gengerowski thank you for
your time in addressing issues and request

Dale A. Chambers
% BEJ-ALA-13F
402 W. Evergreen
Durant, OK. 74701

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Chairman Julius Genachowski, FCC Mail Room

Sir, my name is Alfred Kenneth Gallardo and I am currently incarcerated at the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar in ~~Sand~~ San Diego, California. It is December 2nd, 2012 and in 14 days I would have hit my 1st year mark of a 5 year sentence. I writing you because it serves as an investment for my family & friends to expose the outrageous fees we pay to stay in contact with one another. I have looked through my "phone debit account" records and have some facts to share with you. I can only hope that my story and the burden held by ~350 prisoners over the course of time will benefit. All of our mail is inspected and among other issues dealing with botched civil rights I take a large risk by writing you.

NCBM uses a company called Interstate Telecommunications and has set up a contract to include "Voice Recording." On several occasions, prisoners have addressed the high cost, but the brig simply justifies it by saying they "need" the voice recording option to "maintain the security" of the brig. Even during orientation for new prisoners they sorta brag by recalling stories of rules violations recorded by prisoners and their families or friends. We are not capable of

having family or friends add money directly to our systems like most prisons in the year 2022. Instead, the burden of sending a money order, then signing for it, then waiting for "Your week to appear", followed by money finally added on the phone. The whole process takes 2 to 3 weeks while your family & friends are forced to wait to speak with you.

The Phone Rates are as follows:

\$0.40 per min (USA)

\$0.80 per min (Canada)

\$1.98 per min (International)

We basically pay \$12.00 for a 30 min phone call. I have reviewed and calculated my personal records, my family & friends have supported me throughout my incarceration, so I am lucky compared to other prisoners. My first phone transfer was dated 20120128 and last was on 20121119. In total, I have spent \$2,441.00, which only adds up to 6,102.5 minutes or 101.7 hrs or 4.2 days or over the course of the entire year. 4 Days ... 1 Year.

The prisoners at my brig have a forum to address issues with leadership, represented by 1x person per dorm (cell block). Repeated

attempts to get new systems, add internet usage and change companies for more affordable methods have been denied and justified by staff.

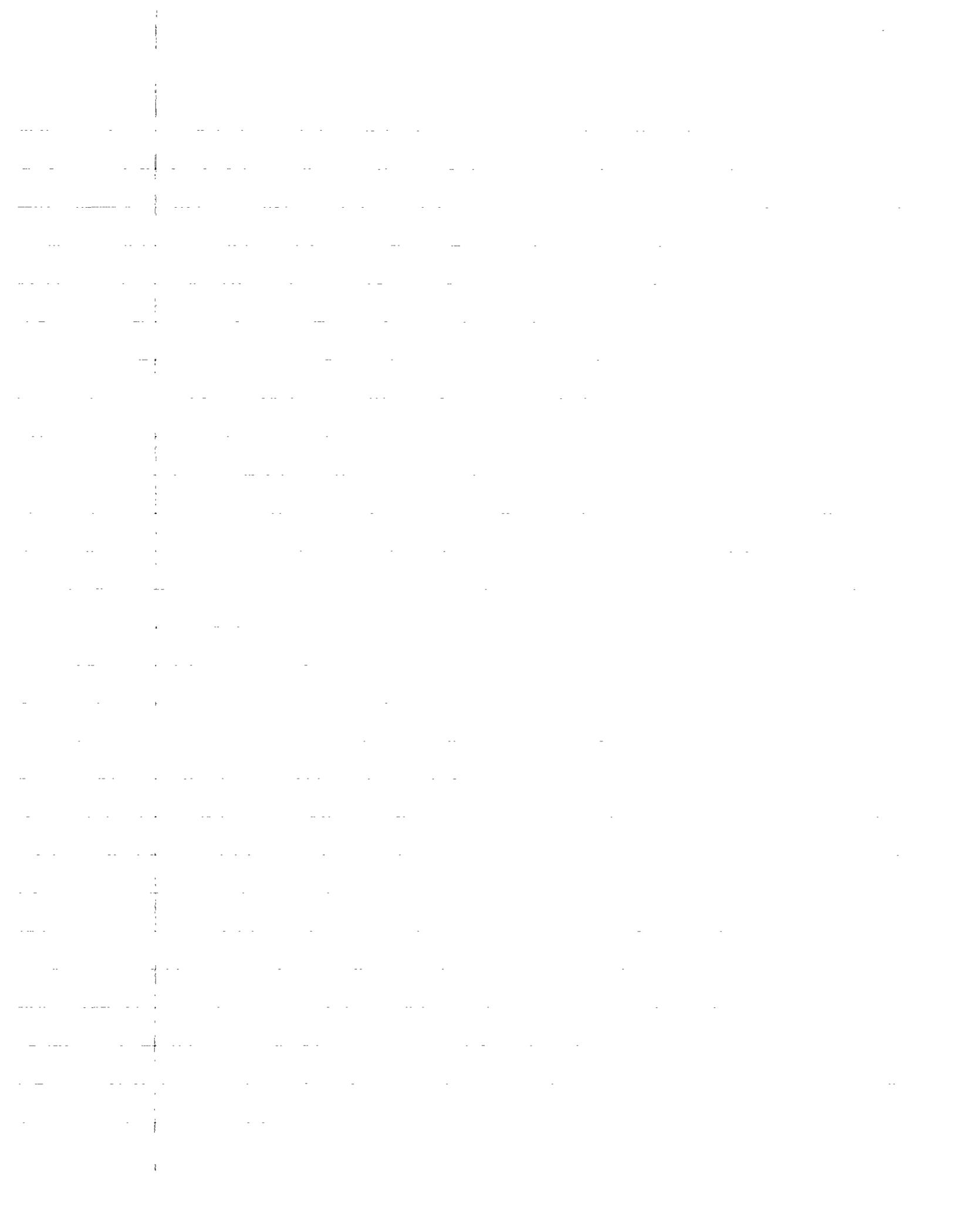
As I stated before, I have four years left of my sentence, so writing this letter is an investment. Please inform me of the decision so I have federal reasoning to complain, otherwise they won't budge on the matter. At your request, I can send the documents (minus privacy information such as social security numbers, etc). Thank you for taking my comments.

Replies can be sent to:

Alfred Gallardo
PO Box 452136
San Diego, CA 92145-2136

Very Respectfully,


Alfred K. Gallardo



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FCC Mail Room

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski:

I am a prisoner at Mahanoy SCI,

Lately, a new service is being

imposed on us, the collect call's

are no longer possible unless

you buy the present service

offered by "Galactic" my

family's phone service is

not cheaper with better

quality yet this is ignored

and we are a captives customer,

also, the phone time we buy in

here now takes two weeks to be

USED AS OPPOSED TO THE FEW
DAYS IT TOOK BEFORE, ITS
AS IF ITS WORKING IN
CONCERT WITH US BEING
FORCED TO BUY THE NEW
COLLECT SERVICE, I HOPE
IT IS CORRECTED SOONER.

Thank you
Edward Goodman
