

To: the FCC
Date: February 9, 2013

I am writing to request that the FCC pass its proposed rule placing a cap on the cost of phone calls from prisoners to their families for the following reasons:

- 1) Research shows that inmates with intact families are more likely to make the transition home from prison successfully than those who have lost contact with their families.
- 2) Prisoners usually have very little money to spend. High calling costs can place contact with their loved ones beyond their means.

I state the above from personal observations as a regular prison volunteer for the past 12 years. One of the most important issues in a prisoner's life is staying in touch with loved ones.

Sincerely,
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