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To the Commissioners and Staff,

I'm writing about your possible rule change on the high cost of calls from our nation's prisons, which is made possible by the monopoly on inmate phone services.

I don't have any family members in prison, and don't maintain regular phone contact with any prisoners, so this issue doesn't directly affect me or my finances.

However, I live in a mostly African American neighborhood, and, as you probably know, African Americans are disproportionately imprisoned in our country. As a result, this issue does affect my neighbors, and therefore it affects the quality of life in my neighborhood.

It seems only fair to limit the cost of prison phone calls, seeing as it really isn't any more expensive to provide phone service inside of prisons than it is to provide phone service outside of prisons.

I urge you to apply common sense and decency in deciding this issue, and limit the cost of inmate phone calls. Thank you.

Best regards,

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