

Dear Secretary Datch,

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FCC Mail Room

This is a public comment for
WC- Docket number 12-375.

Good morning and or good after
noon, I am writing you in hopes
that you may be able to grant
those of us who are indigent -
an are unable to call our family
members and friends due to the
fact, that the price of phone
calls are beyond our ability
to pay. Some like myself
have no money at all, so mak-
ing a phone call is virtually im-
possible.

Honestly, I may go six to eight
months, even a year, without
speaking to my loved one's
and that is not because I
choose too, its because I can't!
Five dollars and forty cents,
or whatever the usage rate is,
is just plain ridiculous for
a fifteen minute phone call.

My mother is now seventy one
years old and God only
knows how much time she
may have left. I would like
to at lease say 'I love you'
and hear the sound of her
voice at least one last time!

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And although writing for me is no problem; my mother is elderly and may not choose to do the same, because of her difficulty in remembering how to spell correctly, even putting the words she would like to say in its proper contents, not to mention she has arthritis!

My request to you is this: if it be possible, could you establish some sort of agreement with the telephone company to where 'all inmates' can have some length of free phone time. Possibly ten to fifteen minutes (3 to 5) times a week. If they do not use the time, it is added to their phone account time. Then they can use it when it is most convenient.

Furthermore, if it be possible could you argue the fact that the price for telephone calls are too high. They need to be lowered to where individuals can actually afford the phone service. This way everybody wins. The telephone company will still make millions of dollars a year and the inmates will finally be able to talk to their loved ones!

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Hastly, do you see how wrinkled this paper is? Well, this is to show you how poor some of us are; including me, I had to obtain this writing material from some one else. And its not in that good of condition.

I seek your service because I had been told that you may be able to make a difference. I only pray that you can!

Enclosing, I would like to thank you for your time and assistance on this matter

Sincerely,

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