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America is the number one jailer in the world. There are somewhere between 2.5 and 3 million prisoners in this country. More people are incarcerated in America than in North Korea and China put together. There are 2.7 million children who have one or both parents incarcerated, and for most a phone call is the only way they can stay in touch. But the cost of receiving a phone call from prison is too expensive, in some cases being as much as \$20 for 15 minutes. Current rates for interstate phone calls from prison are much higher than regular long distance calls, and vary state by state. These confiscatory phone charges are particularly onerous for people incarcerated in states distant from their own. I have personal experience with this obscene, corrupt and predatory capitalist scheme. These immoral capitalist freebooters extort money from the poorest of people who are most vulnerable to corporate abuse and greed. I am a California physician wrongly incarcerated for three years in the state of Ohio for political reasons. It cost me twenty-five dollars to talk to my wife in California for less than 15 minutes. Because fighting our pernicious judicial system impoverished us, We were able to afford cross country travel for my wife to visit me three times in three years, making phone contact our only other contact. It initially cost us eight hundred dollars a month to speak to each other. This communication was not only comforting but necessary to promote my defense, and take care of our common interests. This exploitive practice does not just limit contact to families but to lawyers, social agencies and any advocate. This effectively puts limits on both constitutionally protected free speech and any on-going legal defense. Regulation is necessary because these costs place an unfair burden on the families of incarcerated people – many of whom live at or around the poverty line – and telephone companies can't be depended on to lower the phone rates on their own. Lowering the rates of long distance phone calls from prison will keep families strong and communities safe, reduce recidivism, and ensure prisoners successfully re-enter society upon release. To increase communication between families and prisoners, reduce incarceration, and support successful re-entry, the FCC needs to set a fair cap on what prison telephone companies are allowed to charge for long distance phone calls. Prisoners learned to get around this extortion by having their families purchase a cell phone with an area code local to the prison. Our phone costs decreased from over two dollars and fifty-cents a minute to less than a dollar for fifteen minutes, over the same system. To ensure the fattest profits possible even in this scenario, the phone company kills the connection after fifteen minutes. At a time when phone service is virtually free to most Americans, this evil practice of a few free market pirates is outrageous and an affront to civilized people everywhere.

Sincerely,

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