

The incarceration phone rates as they stand: \$16.00 for 15 mins. in Idaho for example, are unduly exorbitant. What possible motivation other than price gouging a vulnerable population could be at work here? Inmates and their families who are undoubtedly under economic stress due to the incarceration have no other choice but to limit their contact, in some cases that means no calls at all. This isolation from friends and family causes undue and unnecessary psychological stress that certainly calls into question our priority to rehabilitate and reintegrate the incarcerated into a functional society. Price gouging the incarcerated population is and should be, a crime. I sincerely hope that the FCC will examine the incarcerated phone call rates closely and make the appropriate changes to stop this predatory practice immediately.

Sincerely,

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