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DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
(CC DOCKET # 96-128)

I AM CURRENTLY INCARCERATED IN THE P.A D.O.C AT ROCKVIEW ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,300 INMATES WHO ALL AGREE ON ONE THING - THE COST OF OUR CALLS ARE TAXING TO SAY THE LEAST. IN THIS DAY IN AGE WHERE ELECTRONICS RULE THE WORLD AND TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES AT AN ALARMING RATE AND THE COST FOR COMMUNICATION HAS RECEDED TO ALMOST NIL - I ASK THIS - WHY IS IT WE ARE FORCED TO PAY SO MUCH IN ORDER TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH OUR FAMILIES?

I LIVE APPROX. 180 MILES FROM THIS PRISON, YET MY FATHER HAS TO PAY APPROXIMATELY \$6.00 / 15 MIN CALL. NOW ALTHOUGH THAT MAY NOT SEEM LIKE A LOT TO SOME PEOPLE, MOST OF THE REAL WORLD THESE DAYS IS HURTING FROM THE ECONOMY. MY FATHER MAKES ROUGHLY \$28,000 / YR SO THAT \$6.00 TO HIM IS ALOT.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT IS FAIR THAT THESE PHONE COMPANY'S ARE ALLOWED TO GROW FAT OFF THE BACKS OF THE INMATES FAMILIES WHEN IN THE "FREE" WORLD I COULD CALL ACROSS

THE CONTINENT FOR LESS THAN WHAT IT COSTS TO TALK FOR 15 MINUTES HERE.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE ARE BOMBARDED AT LEAST 3-4 TIMES PER 15 MINUTES OF OUR CALLS WITH MESSAGES THAT ARE UNNECESSARY TO BE REPEATED OVER AND OVER, ON TOP OF THAT - IF FOR ANY REASON EITHER PARTY MAKES A SOUND SIMILAR TO ANY OF THE PHONE COMPANY'S PRE-RECORDED SOUNDS THAT DISCONNECT YOU, YOUR CALL IS TERMINATED. (IE: A CLICK, BEEP, HISS.)

I ~~AM~~ GUESS WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS THAT THIS ISSUE NEEDS ADDRESSING - THERE IS NO WAY THESE COMPANIES CAN SUBSTANTIATE CHARGING THESE EXUBERANT PRICES - THEY'VE MONOPOLIZED THE MARKET AND I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE LEGISLATION IN PLACE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE VICTIMIZATION OF THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND OF THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTION OTHER THAN TO NOT CONVERSE WITH THEIR LOVED ONES. HOW IS THIS RIGHT?

Sincerely Yours
Kamath Peckabee