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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

CC Docket #96-128

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this correspondence is to abreast you of the policies of the Federal Bureau of Prisons ("FBOP") in regards to inmate phone rates.

Presently, the FBOP charges a rate of .23¢/minute for calls within the U.S. and \$1/minute for calls made to Europe. In contrast, in society it costs an individual approximately .12¢/minute to call from the U.S. to China or India.

My family and I (and the family of so many other federal prisoners) are drastically affected by the exorbitant phone rates charged by the FBOP. Considering that most inmates are comprised of the lower-echelon class of society and the notoriously low wages that the FBOP pay the inmates for their job assignments as it is purely factual that at least 35%-50% of federal inmates are paid between \$5-\$25 for their job assignments, the inmate (and his family) often struggle to meet the demands of the phone rates and are fortunate to be able to speak with one's family for 15-30 per month. This has led to the disintegration of family ties within the FBOP which creates a combustible environment that betrays the goal of the American prison system—rehabilitation.

In closing, the American people have entrusted the FBOP to not only house prisoners, but to also rehabilitate those prisoners so that they emerge as individuals prepared to be assets to our society. The exorbitant phone rates and its effect on those members of society who have loved ones in the FBOP and its betrayal

of the fundamental goals of rehabilitation of the inmate is but one (of many) reasons as to why the FBOP is a broken system and while there is no cure-all for all that ails the FBOP closer scrutiny by the FCC of the phone rates will serve as a step towards the direction of restoring the promise of rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'A. D.', written in dark ink.

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Chairman Julius Genachowski:  
Re: Federal Communications Commission  
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This is a Public Comment for the  
Wright Petition. (cc Docket # 96-128).

My Brother lives in The midwest, so Phonecalls are The  
Only way we can Really, Keep in contact. IT had Cost \$17 for  
a 10 min. Phone call, which was too expensive for him to keep paying.

I Broke The law, But extortion is NOT a punishment, in  
State or Federal punishments. Please Continue The Fight  
against These Companies, who's Practices leave Families Separate.

I am still a citizen of The U.S., and still proud to  
be one!

Thank you for your time.

Curtis L. Brown  
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MR. GENACHOWSKI

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET # 96128). I'M WRITING YOU TO VOICE MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PRICE OF TELEPHONE CALLS FOR PRISONERS IN P.A.. I BELIEVE THE INFLATION OF RATES FORCED ON US IS UNFAIR, AND FOR SOME, IT IS A ROAD BLOCK BETWEEN US AND OUR LOVED ONES. NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD TO PAY \$5<sup>00</sup> OR \$10<sup>00</sup> FOR 15 MINUTES OF PHONE TIME. FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT READ OR WRITE, IT BECOMES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY, CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER SCENARIOS, HOWEVER, THE GIST OF IT ALL IS THAT I CONSIDER IT AN INJUSTICE, AND WE ARE CLEARLY BEING TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY HELP OR ADVICE YOU CAN GIVE US. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AS WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF SOME FORM OF RELIEF. YOU CAN WRITE ME AT: SCI. SMITHFIELD

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THANK YOU,

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