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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communication Commission  
Public Comments  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

"Dear Chairman Genachowski,"

This is a public comment for the wright Petition, (CC Docket#98-128.

I've been incarcerated for almost 27yrs, come 3/26/13, I've been using the jailhouse phone system since 1986 of March. Most of my relatives lives in North Carolina and the calls there cost me and my family \$9.63 a call, and when I call my brothers and sisters in north philly, that cost me \$5.00 and some change. It now seems that everyone prays on the D.O.C. System to create a tremendous amount of profits off of people who can't barely buy themself the proper needs of everyday survival inside of these institutions.

In 2010, the D.O.C. Started sending their inmates to Michingan, there, you can call anywhere in the U.S. for \$1.60 for 15min. The state of Pennasylvania is killing their convicts in all area of everyday life, phone cards cost 10-25-50 dollars, we only make 19¢ an hour, we haven't had a raise in more them 15yrs.

Once you've brought your needs at 19¢ you have no room to pay for cable at \$16.50 a month and if you have a block job, cable is out of the question working only 6hr aday. The commissary is very high, they take court cost out of your funds that your parents send to you, which is wrong, the court cost should come from your job pay!

This phone system is a sham, they use a voice mechine to take time from your call, which interupt your call at least 3-4 times during you 15min call, which is unnecessary, that might take away at least 3-4 min of your call. The phone system for the D.O.C should be investigated and changed, the rich gets richer and the poor gets poorer. This shouldn't be happening to us, we're already paying for our crimes by doing the time we received, if this petition can help make the system better and much cheaper for all convicts, then you have my vote and my letter of complaint. If you wish to respond to this complaint, please do so at the address above.

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Patrick Horan, HF-2541  
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RE: CAMPAIGN FOR PRISON PHONE JUSTICE

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

January 25, 2013

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128). I am an inmate at a State Correctional Institution in Pennsylvania. I have been doing time for the past twenty years and am very familiar with the Department of Corrections corrupt practices concerning the inmate phone fees. It is bad enough that they will not house us in facility close enough to home for our families to visit. To add insult to injury, they get kickbacks of 44.4% from the phone service provider just for allowing them to conduct business within the prisons. My 74 year old mother has serious health problems and is on Social Security. Therefore, I have to pay for phone cards out of my meager prison pay and then give the prison system nearly half just to communicate with my mother. It costs me \$5.15 for a fifteen minute phone call that is within the state.

Meanwhile, Rhode Island has the same service provider, Global Tel Link, and they only pay .70¢ for a twenty minute phone call anywhere in the state. There is no justification for this disparity in pricing. In New York State, the prisoners can call anywhere in the country for about .65¢ a minute. This is pure corruption. Why should the State profit off of us and our families. No other class of citizens would have to endure such abuse. Please do something about this situation so we can communicate with our loved ones.

Sincerely,

  
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Patrick Horan

Milton Jones #R29598

Pontiac Corr. Center

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To: Chairman Julius Genachowski,  
Federal Communications Commission, Public Comments,  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554;

RE: This is a Public Comment for The Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'm wishing to donate a kidney to my sister KETRENA JONES who is currently on dialysis and in urgent need of a kidney transplant. I have neglected two appeals in my case, primarily ~~in~~ order to focus on developing a plan to be implemented, while wishing to obtain a GED, so far this has proven difficult, as coordinating with both my family and staff at The IDOC of ~~Corrections~~ (Pontiac), is often a challenge.

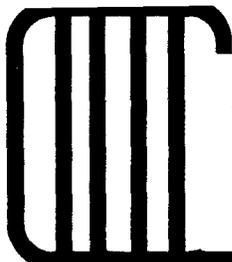
The impact of the high cost of prison calls has placed heavy financial burdens on my family. It's going on two years now, and we still do not have a plan to be implemented. See. (Dates and Documents attached)

PLEASE HELP

Sincerely,

Milton Jones

Family Contact:  
KETRENA JONES, or  
CHAUELLA JONES  
on FACEBOOK



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**Department of**  
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**100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 4-200**  
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**Telephone: (312) 814-3017**  
**TDD: (800) 526-0844**

Mr. Milton Jones R29598  
Pontiac Correctional Center  
PO Box 99  
Pontiac, IL. 61764  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

Mr. Jones:

In order to donate a kidney to your sister you must do the following:

- Have her transplant coordinator contact the facility regarding what testing he / she will need to see if you are a match.
- You need to be in good standing with a record of cooperation.
- The transplant hospital needs to be within IL or very close such as St. Louis
- You or your family or your sister's insurance have to undertake covering all the direct and indirect costs associated with this process – included but not limited to: blood tests, doctor visits, hospitalizations, procedures, complications, transportation, and security. This would need to be on the books and not as an IOU.
- Any medication or follow up issues post-transplant would also be your financial obligation – i.e. pain medication, re-hospitalization for a complication.

*Louis Shicker*

Louis Shicker MD  
Agency Medical Director

Cc: Ms. Debbie Denning, IDOC Chief of Programs and Support Services  
Warden Pfister, Pontiac Correctional Center  
Dr. Andrew Tilden, Medical Director Pontiac CC  
Ms. Teresa Arroyo, HCUA Pontiac CC  
Mr. Charles Fasano, IDOC Medical Coordinator  
Ms. Marna Ross, OHS Regional Nursing Coordinator  
Dr. Arthur Funk, Regional Medical Director Wexford Health Sources



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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 23, 2011

TO: Milton Jones, R29598  
SP628

FROM: Marvin Reed   
Assistant Warden of Programs

SUBJECT: Recent Correspondence

This is in response to your recent letter requesting to be tested to see if you are a possible match for your sister who is in need of a kidney. You indicated you contacted your counselor and didn't receive a response.

A review of your records indicates your counselor advised the facility Medical Director, Dr. Tilden, of your request to donate a kidney to your sister. Dr. Tilden is currently working on a response.

MR/KMB/kmb

xc: Dr. Tilden

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THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT FOR WRIGHT PETITION (cc Docket #96-128)

I am the mother of an inmate at Utah State Prison, Draper, Utah. I live only 15 minutes from the prison and I still have to pay more per phone call than I would to call 3000 miles away. The only phone service available to receive calls from inmates is through VConnect. It costs about \$8.00 each time I deposit money on the account and then each phone call is around \$4.00. When the balance gets to about \$8.00 the inmate can make no more calls until more money is deposited. Deposits are limited to \$100 per action. When my son was a guest of Metro Jail, Salt Lake City, Utah, each call was approximately 10 minutes long for the same cost. Someone is making a lot of money at the expense of families already dealing with expenses they cannot afford. Many of the families of inmates are on Disability and limited incomes. Legal fees, commissary, and other costs associated with the incarceration are so high that inmates often have to do without phone calls, sometimes their only communication to the outside world. This piracy needs to be stopped in order to allow families who cannot afford these ridiculous fees to communicate with their loved ones. There is no need for calls to be so expensive, draining people of their means of living while VConnect is living high off its profits.

Sincerely,

  
Debby Stone

Salt Lake City, UT

801 596-2223

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January 15, 2013

**“This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).”**

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Re: “Telephone rates within prison systems are outrageous” comment.

Devon Nathaniel King  
#140739, Med. 1, BL 01T  
Po Box 8274  
Cranston, RI 02920

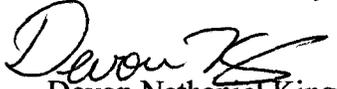
Mr. Genachowski,

My name is Devon King. I have been refraining from calling anyone, friend or family, due to the expensive out-of-state rates of \$1.27 for a connection and \$0.44/min. to call home to Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona. Nearly everyone has a cell which do not accept collect calls. Cells must be called through pre-pay *only*.

I make \$45.00-\$46.50 per month in regular years and \$42.00 in February, most years. This is hardly enough to purchase necessary hygiene products *and* place money into my telephone debit account. I find letters to be slow and unreliable. Rates here at the Adult Correction Institutions in Rhode Island need to be changed. I *know* you can help. Surely you can. Prisoner extortion, which is what I feel this outside company that runs the phones is doing, is unacceptable. We have no other option than to write instead of call home. I truly have faith you will do your *utmost* to change these rates.

I thank you for your time and eagerly await your reply.

Sincerely,

  
Devon Nathaniel King

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CHAIRMAN Julius Genachowski

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BEIN INCARCERATED, LIFE IS TRULY HARD ENOUGH  
BEIN SEPARATED FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
USUALLY WITH OUT A MEANS OF RECEIVING MONEY FROM  
SPOUSE OR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND RELYING ON A  
GENERAL LABOR POOL PAY OF MAYBE \$16.00 PER MONTH.  
IT'S REALY TUFF TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH A SUPPORT  
ON THE OUTSIDE. DUE TO THE EXTREME HIGH COST  
OF A PHONE CALL. SOME TIMES EXCEEDING A DOLLAR  
PER MINUTE ANY HELP YOU COULD PROVIDE WITH THIS  
GROSS INCONVINIENCE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

THANK YOU

KENNETH D. MITZABAUGH KL3020



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To Chairman

Julius Genachowski

Hello & good day, I am writing you concerning the outrageous phone problem in prison. I am talking about the monopoly & prices of Global tel link.

First I want to state an obvious fact, the overwhelming majority of prisoners come from a low income background. So why is it that their families must pay the most to communicate with incarcerated loved ones?

Also, we are in a time of cheap & efficient communication and yet we in prison are still making collect phone calls. We are in the stone age of phone-calls. I realize that our loved ones must pay if they want to talk with us but must there be allowed a monopoly of the prison collect call process? Global Tel link is dictating what carriers our loved ones can use in order to receive collect calls from us.

The difficulty of making sure your provider has a contract with Global tel link and the high cost of accepting a collect call is a detour. It is a well known fact that people with stronger family ties commit less crime. Please do something.

Sincerely Mike Rowe

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Gentlemen:

The cost of collect long distance calls for my love one cost me from \$6.35 to \$8.75 just to put money on the account to call me. It depends if I put the money on the account by phone or use the internet. They will charge a fee to put it on the account and a fee on using a credit/debit card. So there are two separate fees. The cost of the calls will cost \$8.25 in the state up to \$17.00 for them to call out of state. So we are charge varies fees and cost of the call itself.

It is very important to keep family connection because the visiting days are limited and some of us travel a long distance to visit. Some people are never able to visit because of distance, not able to drive or get someone to take you.

I am asking for your understanding of how hard this is on me and it was been going on since my love one has been in prison. It is financially a hardship on me.

Ms. Ann Williams

Name

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Dedra Fondren

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Rosemary Collins  
Name

585 Elvira Rd  
Address

Helena, Al 35080  
City, state & zip code

Alabama Department of Corrections  
receives 61% kickback from the  
phone provider that amounts  
to \$5.5 Million a year. The families  
should not provide revenue  
for the prison system.

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Jacqueline Dicie, RN, BSN *Jacqueline Dicie*  
Name

1949 Braddock Drive  
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Hoover, AL 35226-3602  
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This country will be held accountable for making a business out of prisons. To profit from the sorrow of inmates' families is unconscionable. Instead of supporting the healing of families, we support their destruction. Then, punish them for being dysfunctional.

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am an inmate in Iowa; phone calls here are \$2.23 for the first minute and .23 each additional minute for instate calls, out of state calls are; \$3.23 for the first minute and .23 for each additional minute.

I have not had the money to call home. Prior to my parents going into assisted living they would put money on my phone account so they could talk to me occasionally. After going into assisted living they could no longer afford their own medications, let alone extra funds for me to call them.

My mom recently passed away; the past few years I was only able to call 2 or 3 times a year, and now I will never be able to talk to her again.

I urge you to correct the situation that keeps families from being able to communicate by placing limits on how much prisons can charge for phone calls.

Thank you!



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